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EDITORIAL

"Ring Out The Old — Ring In The New"

AS we leave behind the 'old' and enter upon the 'new', what is in our minds? What will the 'new' bring to us? Rather let us ask: What have we to bring to the 'new'?

On every hand we are conscious of a deep spiritual hunger in the frustrated and questioning minds of men and women. They are aware of a lack, a need in their lives— Different ways of life are being offered, in some instances thrust upon them. Are we able to meet these needy ones? Do we know the 'Christ way' sufficiently to present it so that its appeal will arrest and convince those who are so eagerly inquiring?

What of the children and young people—the youth in our schools and colleges who are entering upon life with little or no knowledge of Christ and His Church — what have we to offer to these 'little ones'?

In our own land do we remember the wide areas where there are no churches, no Sabbath Schools— where the work being carried on could be multiplied many, many times over? What are we bringing to help meet this vital and challenging situation?

Throughout the world the Church is confronted with almost limitless opportunities. An aroused and urgent interest in Christ on the part of thousands, yes millions of people in many lands makes it imperative that our evangelistic, educational and medical programmes be increased at as early a date as is possible. Missionaries tell us that the only limit to Christian achievement is to be measured in want of personnel and equipment. How much of this are we prepared to provide?

Facing the 'new' then with a deep sense of our need to know Christ and by our lives lead others to know Him; awake to our responsibility for the building and strengthening of the Church at home and abroad and with hearts filled with thanksgiving and praise we enter the new year praying that what we have to bring may be used and blessed by Him who 'loved us and gave Himself for us'.

(Mrs. Arthur W.) Maydee F. Pae,
President, W.M.S. (W.D.).

Thou Shalt Love Thy Neighbour As Thyself

BY REVEREND N. D. KENNEDY, M.C., M.A., D.D.

This is the last of a series of three meditations given to the Council Meeting in Regina by the Moderator of the General Assembly.

THIS commandment "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself" is probably one of the most familiar portions of the Gospel that there is. People who ignore the Church of Christ will tell you that that is their faith and that the Church does and can do no other better thing. They will justify themselves to their neighbours by their good works and sometimes they put us to shame by their devotion and we are in a dilemma. Is the Church fulfilling the commandment as the world professes to fulfil it and claims to be fulfilling it?

There is nothing original in this commandment as far as the Gospel is concerned. This commandment and others like it are to be found in many faiths and in many social practices. If therefore Jesus incorporated it into His message it must be that He had given to it something unique. Our dilemma may arise because we have missed His point. We cannot accept the limited view that a casual interest in our neighbour, no matter with what kindly feelings it may be prompted or with what success it may be crowned, is enough and sufficient. When the world points to its achievements we still have an answer. They have not yet done enough. In fact the worldly wise have been relieved of many of their obligations by the effective way the State has taken over philanthropic work and they do it very well, and the needs of our neighbour, materially and morally, are well taken care of and our obligation seems to be fulfilled.

Has the Church no work left to do? Believe me, scientific welfare is no substitute for Christian service. I want just in this thought to lead you out of your dilemma to the point that a man consists of more than his body and his mind and that above all else there must and should exist a deep passionate concern for his soul.

It is in that way and for that purpose that our Lord Jesus Christ incorporated this widely known truth into His Gospel to enrich it with a wider outlook, teaching men that in feeding the hungry and clothing the needy our primary concern is that their souls be also satisfied. We are apt to take refuge in our institutional work and many people believe that that is enough. It is the temptation of all. These works must be illumined by the Holy Spirit to the end that men may be saved and that they may come to the knowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour. If we clothe the needy it is that they may go about the streets in His service. These philanthropic services should not just have this end in the man himself when his needs are satisfied.

In missionary organizations in the Church of Jesus Christ we are led out of our dilemma. If we understand the Gospel we can still go further than anyone else. Our aims are still more far reaching. We strive for the possession of a man's soul as well as looking after the comfort of his body and the saneness of his mind.

Now I notice that your objective is to increase and enlarge your membership. We have hesitated to do so because we have taken for granted that this is a Christian land but may I say that this is now a fallacy. As generation succeeds generation the roots are being pulled up. Even respect for the Protestant faith is not as it should be. The neighbour next door may need all kinds of scientific welfare. You also enter into the picture with the assurance that you go in the name of Jesus Christ and see to the welfare of his soul. It ought not to be difficult in the Presbyterian Church and it is a real part of our outlook. Let us make sure of the one who lives next door as well as those overseas. It is not an impertinence to inquire into his faith and needs. It is a Christian responsibility imposed upon us by the Gospel.

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The work at Bartica grew; and the time came when it was felt that a Manse should be erected, and after many difficulties, this lovely house was opened and dedicated last February. But with so many Church activities and organizations there was great need for a Hall, but building is, at the moment, such a costly business that separate premises seemed beyond our reach. When, therefore, the missionary and his wife drew up the plans for the Manse, they planned a two storey building with living quarters "upstairs" and room for a Hall and minister's study on the ground floor.

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A New Year Message

A fresh, clean sheet God gave to me
    A year ago to-day.
Determined I was to keep it clean,
    But sin crept in the way.
Last night I handed it back to Him,
    Dirty and blotted and grey.
''Forgive me, dear Lord,'' I said to Him,
    And then I heard Him say:
''Dear one, the sheet I gave to you
    Was a record for every day;
Instead of asking My strength and help,
    You went your own wrong way.
I freely forgive the sins of the past;
    A clean sheet I give you to-day,
My help is promised you hour by hour,
    I will never say you nay.''
As the year rolls on, I pray, dear Lord,
    That from Thee I will not stray,
That close to Thee I may ever keep,
    For strength from day to day.

—Margaret Small.

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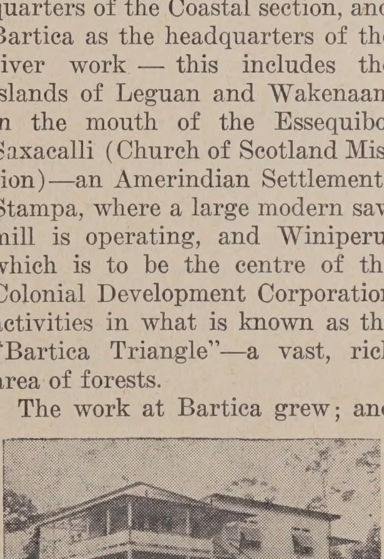

Manse and Parish Hall, Bartica

With the Manse completed, the congregation turned in earnest to the Hall project, and on Sunday, October 14th, it was dedicated to the Glory of God for religious, social and cultural work in connection with St. Paul's

When the Manse was opened in February we certainly did not think that we should have the Hall ready by October, but the people have worked so splendidly that the seemingly impossible was accomcomplished. True, there is a debt on it of some $300, but we are determined to make every effort to have this amount cleared by the end of the year. The cost has been met entirely by the givings of the congregation.

The Hall measures 54 feet by 21 feet, with concrete floor throughout, and a stage or platform 15 feet by 24 feet. It has seating accommodation for 200 persons and is, through the generosity of numerous friends, fully equipped with built-in cupboards, benches and chairs for 120 persons and 56 Primary chairs for the children. The beautiful, tropicalised piano was the very generous gift of the W.M.S. Auxiliaries of Prince Edward Island, and is a priceless boon to us in our work among the young.

The Hall is used, of course, for a variety of things. Entertainments and lectures; the Primary and Junior Departments of the Sunday School; it is the headquarters for our Girl Guide and Brownie movements; and now we have begun to use it for a kindergarten school, which is being undertaken by the missionary's wife.

How we managed to get along for six years without a place of this description is now difficult for us to imagine; but without the Manse (which was so kindly provided for us by the Foreign Mission Board) the Parish Hall would, I fear, still be a dream.

We give thanks to God for helping us so wonderfully, and our prayer is that the work we have started in Bartica may continue to be blessed by Him and go from strength to strength.

In Memory Of Margaret Wrong

ON Sunday, December 3rd, 1950, the Bishop of Uganda unveiled a plaque to the memory of Margaret Wrong in Namirembe Cathedral, Kampala. The plaque, of local Mvule timber, had been carved by an African Instructor in the Kampala Technical School.

It was fitting that the unveiling should take place during the annual school leaving service, when the cathedral was filled with several hundred boys and girls who had just finished their schooling and were preparing to go out into the world. Before the plaque was unveiled a number of short lessons were read by representatives from each school, and as we watched the boys go up to the lectern we remembered how much Margaret Wrong had done to make reading a blessing to the peoples of Africa.

The walls of Namirembe cathedral support comparatively few memorial tablets, but that of Margaret Wrong catches the eye as one enters at the west end; it is fitting that it should be so, for her work was surely an enlargement of the work of the African Church.

—*Listen*, October 1951.

Miss Wrong was known as an Editor and writer for the people of Africa. As a memorial to her, a fund was established which would aid young African writers of Christian literature. Our Society contributed $100.00 to that fund.

Organization Department

Mrs. W. R. Adamson

AT the Council Meeting in Regina a very definite objective was accepted for 1952—10,000 New Members, 100 New Groups. To achieve this means we must ADVANCE IN ORGANIZATION. In our Organization Department there are five groups. On Council Executive there is a Secretary for each of these groups who is ready and well fitted to help you. Some of these are already well known to you others are new faces. We are pleased to introduce them to you.

Senior Auxiliary Secretary

Mrs. Adamson was elected Senior Auxiliary Secretary at the Council Meeting in Regina. Her duties will be to supervise all Senior Auxiliaries, receive reports of them through the Synodical Corresponding Secretary and prepare the report of this department. Mrs. Adamson has been a member of Council Executive for some time, first of all some years ago then returning again two years ago.

Evening Department Secretary

In 1946 when the Evening Department was set up, Miss Luzetta

John Palmer

Miss E. L. McClelland

Ashley & Crippen
Miss Ellen V. Haw

McClelland was elected Evening Department Secretary on Council Executive and has filled this office most efficiently. Miss McClelland is a Toronto school teacher.

Young Women's Department Secretary

Miss Ellen Haw, a business executive, is the newest member of Council Executive and comes to her position as Young Women's Secretary with a good knowledge of the work of our Society.

Girls' Organizations Secretary

Mrs. Harold Keefer has served as Girls' Organizations Secretary on Council Executive for nine years. In this position she has the responsibility for the welfare and progress of Presbyterian girls' groups. She also works on committees of the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and on inter-church committees dealing with girls' work.

Children's Department Secretary

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace accepted a place on Council Executive four years ago. Shortly after her appointment she became Children's Secretary. She, too, has wide responsibilities for our Presbyterian children's groups in our

John Palmer
Mrs. Harold Keefer

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Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace

Society and to the Board of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies, representing our Society on inter-church Boards and committees dealing with children's work.

We bespeak for each of these Secretaries the co-operation of every member of our Society. Only by all working together can we hope to reach the objective which we have set as our goal.

HELEN M. HORNE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary

Miss Helen M. Horne, a daughter of the manse follows in the tradition of her family — her grandmother, Mrs. Shortreed, and her mother having each served as outstanding leaders in the Women's Missionary Society. Miss Horne is ably fitted for the exacting duties of these two offices which combine the official business of Council Executive not belonging to any other department.

John Palmer
Miss Helen M. Horne

A Useful Mission Expands

A USEFUL Mission Expands was the title of a three column article Mr. Stanley Matthews of the *Montreal Star* wrote for his paper on the dedication of Tyndale House in Montreal. We, who have followed with interest the development of this work by Montreal Presbytery, and who have contributed no small share to it, will join in thanksgiving that expansion is taking place.

We have already described the new building to you and told you of the group work being done there (July-August *Glad Tidings* 1951). The following is a quotation from a Montreal paper on the ceremonies of dedication.

"Reverend J. S. McBride, minister of Ephraim Scott Memorial Presbyterian Church and Moderator of Montreal Presbytery, conducted the ceremony.

Reverend R. J. Berlis, minister of the Church of St. Andrew and St. Paul, said: 'In the dedication of Tyndale House, we see the return of the Church to the downtown area. We need the Church not only on Sherbrooke Street and Westmount Boulevard and Grand Boulevard, but also on St. Antoine Street and Notre Dame Street. We need the Church wherever God's people are.'

Reverend Quincy A. McDowell of Maisonneuve Church gave the benediction. Mr. W. B. Belson, superintendent of Tyndale House, read the lesson, and Miss Margaret MacKenzie, Women's Missionary Society deaconess, led the House choir."

As Tyndale House continues to serve a community in Montreal with the teaching of Christ's message, we follow its activities and its progress with great interest, and with the prayer that the work may always prosper there.

Miss Margaret MacKenzie with children at Tyndale House.

Instructions For Annual Reports

1951 has ended. This means it is time for each Secretary to give serious thought to the preparation of her Annual Report. If we are to have a complete and accurate report of our Women's Missionary Society we are dependent upon every Secretary in every group and department of our Society. Please note the following:

1. *Deadlines*:
   - (a) Group reports (Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations, Mission Bands etc.) should have been in the hands of Presbyterial Secretaries by December 31st, 1951.
   - (b) Presbyterial Secretaries should have their reports to Synodical Secretaries by January 31st, 1952.
   - (c) Synodical Secretaries should have their reports to Council Executive Secretaries by March 1st, 1952.
2. Write clearly.
3. Please list groups alphabetically. List Affiliated and Associate Societies separately and also alphabetically. See 1950 Annual Report for pattern of how groups are finally reported.
4. *Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers should confer to be sure that their figures representing contributions from groups agree. Similarly Synodical Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers should confer.*
5. Each Secretary in addition to her tabulated form should send a written report of her group's or department's activities.
6. Where circumstances prevent Presbyterial or Synodical Annual Meetings being held by the appointed dates (January 31 and March 1st respectively) please see that the list of newly elected officers is forwarded to the Corresponding Secretary, Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. W., Toronto 1, Ontario, *immediately* following the Annual Meeting.

Please co-operate with us that we may give you an accurate report of the Society.

HELEN M. HORNE,
Corresponding Secretary.

Changes For The Annual Report

North Bay Presbyterial

Girls' Organizations Secretary—Miss Thelma Martin, 34 Ethelbert St., Sudbury.

Library Secretary—Mrs. W. B. Walden, 632 Bloem St., North Bay.

Literature Secretary—Mrs. Harry Seaton, 158 McNaughton St., Sudbury.

Press Secretary—Mrs. C. Croswell, Parry Sound.

Women's Missionary Society Estimates For 1952

OUR objective for 1952 is to unite 10,000 more women and children in prayer and service for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom at home and abroad and to increase our contributions by $10,000.00 in order that this advancement in Canada and Overseas may be possible. It is costing us more to maintain our present work, and as we strive "to lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes" so must our stewardship of service, of prayer and of money be increased. Many doors of opportunity are still open to us and we must enter while there is yet time.

In our National Missions you will be very pleased to note the appointment of our fourth Hospital Visitor in the person of Miss Ellen Douglas, who has served on our Overseas staff since 1930.

This year, the salaries of the Principal and Matron at the Birtle Indian Residential School are being paid from the Government Grant because of the balance that has been built up in this particular account due to the efficient management of our farm property connected with this school.

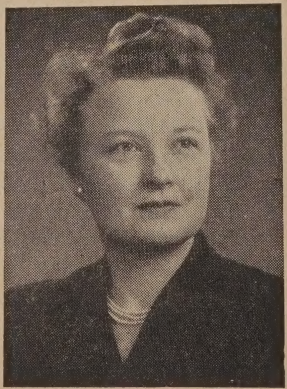
Miss Margaret Boyd, who in 1951 served as a deaconess in Calgary, and through the summer months was in charge of the Saskatchewan Van, has been appointed to Tyndale House, Montreal, replacing Miss Margaret MacKenzie, now under appointment to the Korean Church in Japan.

We have increased our estimate for Immigration Work to cover the cost of printing letters of welcome in different languages to newcomers to our country, and also our share of necessary part-time help during Miss Blackwell's vacation.

Because of the closing of St. Margaret's Centre in June, 1951, it is not included in the Estimates this year. Regardless of this, our total for National Missions is only $600.00 below last year because of increases in other national departments.

There is an increase in Insurance and Taxes because of higher rates and the inclusion of insurance on our three Western Vans.

Two new missionaries are now on our Overseas Fields, Miss



John Palmer

Mrs. G. R. Pye

Agnes Hislop and Miss Pauline Brown, Reg.N., both in India. Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., B.Sc., is also on the India Field serving at the Vellore Christian Medical College replacing Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N. who has returned to the Bhil Field for Mobile Clinic Work. We are very happy that our grant to this hospital has now reached the amount planned for in our three-year Advance programme. In addition to this we are pleased to be able to include a grant to the Women's Union Missionary Society of America Hospital at Jhansi where some of our own Indian people receive treatment.

Because of the resignation of Miss Gertrude Fitje, Reg.N., from our hospital in Taiwan (she is now working under her own Mission Board) we are estimating under New Missionaries for two appointees to Taiwan. As it would, in all probability, be late in the Fall before they would be available for service, we feel the amount of $1,550.00 should be sufficient for 1952.

Our requirements for British Guiana in 1952 are somewhat less than last year because of the fact that Miss Anderson and Miss Ramsay will each be absent from the Field for six months of the year, with the resultant reduction in expenses.

Three new names have been added under Training of Nationals, Miss Margaret Lim and Miss Carol Chiam from Taiwan and Dr. Chaako from Vellore Medical College. The amount of $125.00 for Dr. Chaako is our share towards a scholarship for her in Canada.

I am sure you must feel that the extra efforts you are sometimes called upon to make are worthwhile when you realize that two more of our young Canadian women have offered themselves and been accepted for service in our Overseas Work, Miss Margaret MacKenzie to Japan and Miss Ida White, Reg.N. to India.

In our Organizations Department the salary of the Girls' Organization Secretary, Miss Helen Bricker, is now to be paid entirely by the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S. This will not mean any change in the work she will be doing for our Society but it is part of the co-operative plan between our Society and the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S. whereby we pay the salaries of the Children's Work Secretaries and the Youth Secretary and they assist our Church Board in Sunday School and Young People's work. We are estimating for a fourth Regional Secretary as the need for this type of worker was stressed by all Synodicals at our Council Meeting.

Our minimum requirements for Christian Literature amount to $10,000.00 but as our Legacy Fund has available $3,400.00 for this purpose, we are asking from our membership $6,600.00 this year.

Salaries of all members of our National Staff have been increased and we have also estimated for a temporary cost of living bonus for those of our workers in high cost of living centres. If the living index decreases it is understood that our bonus will be adjusted accordingly. There has been no change in the Overseas salaries as we provide living accommodation for our staff Overseas. Also they are enjoying a very favourable rate of exchange on Canadian and United States currency at the present time.

Under Administration the estimate of $5,000.00 for General Expenses includes deputation, exchange, postage, telephones, light, stationery and all the usual expenses incurred in operating an office.

This objective for 1952 is a definite challenge to our members and one to which I am certain they will measure up. It is not an impossible task. If the man with the withered hand could do the impossible and stretch it forth at Christ's command, how much easier it is for us to provide the funds to carry out Christ's commission to us, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel". "Freely ye have received, freely give."

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

» W.M.S. ESTIMATES *for* 1952 «

NATIONAL MISSIONS

CHINESE IN CANADA

Montreal: Miss Muriel Judd and Mrs. G. P. Louie.
Toronto: Misses Fay McTavish and Irene Kong.
Vancouver: Misses Ruth Yeandle, Susan Yeung and Annie Wilson.
Victoria: Misses Gertrude Scott and Grace Lee.

Salaries, Expenses and Rent	$15,050.00

INDIAN RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

*Birtle: Mr. and Mrs. Rusaw.
*Cecilia Jeffrey: Mr. and Mrs. MacCallum.

Salaries	$ 2,000.00
Travelling Expenses of School Chaplain	100.00
	$ 2,100.00

*Balance of Salaries is paid from Department of Indian Affairs and all Living is provided.

HOSPITAL VISITORS AND DEACONESSES

Vancouver, B.C.: Miss Ellen Douglas.
Winnipeg, Man.: Mrs. G. W. Bradley.
Toronto, Ont.: Mrs. S. M. Gillespie.
Montreal, Que.: Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale.
Hamilton, Ont.: Miss Margaret Allan.
Miss Helen Ross now on the staff of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Salary paid from Government Grant.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 9,110.00

CHILDREN'S WORK

*Vancouver: Miss Catherine Watson and Miss Athalie Read.
Tyndale House, Montreal: Miss Margaret Boyd.

Salaries and Expenses	$ 4,950.00
Maintenance	500.00
(*Living quarters provided.)	$ 5,450.00

IMMIGRATION

Montreal: Miss Hilda Blackwell.

Salary and Expenses, part time office help, and printing letters of welcome	$ 2,200.00

MISSIONARY VANS

Peace River, Alberta: Miss Marjorie MacKay,
Assistant (Summer Worker).
Rocky Mountain House, Alberta: Miss Winnifred Ripley,
Assistant (Summer Worker).
Saskatchewan: Deaconess in Charge, six months' appointment,
Assistant (Summer Worker).

Salaries and Expenses	$ 6,000.00
Maintenance of three vans	900.00
	$ 6,900.00

Two Student Deaconesses, Salaries and Expenses	$ 1,400.00
National Advance	3,000.00
National Work Contingency	2,000.00
Total	$47,210.00

NATIONAL SUMMARY

Chinese Work	$15,050.00
Indian Work	2,100.00
Hospital Visitors and Deaconesses	9,110.00
Children's and Youth Work	5,450.00
Immigration	2,200.00
Missionary Vans	6,900.00
Two Student Deaconesses	1,400.00
National Advance	3,000.00
National Work Contingency	2,000.00
Total of National Missions	$47,210.00

INSURANCE AND TAXES

W.M.S. property and equipment, including Camps, Medicine Hat Training School, Children's Centre, Vancouver, and Vans	$ 1,765.00

OVERSEAS MISSIONS

INDIA

Jhansi Field:

Salaries: Misses Edith Magee, B.A.; Hazel Reaveley; Margaret Leask, B.A., M.R.E.; Agnes Hislop	$ 5,400.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	2,200.00
Educational	6,900.00
Medical	900.00
Orphans and Widows	1,150.00
Maintenance Manager	300.00
General Maintenance, (upkeep of car, taxes, labour, repairs)	1,375.00
Miscellaneous, (mission business, stationery, postage, etc.)	175.00
Language Study	400.00
	$18,800.00

Bhil Field:

Salaries: Misses Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N.; Marion Williamson; Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.; Beatrice Scott, B.A.; Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.; Irene Stringer; Margaret Kennedy; Pauline Brown, Reg.N.	$11,800.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic	1,550.00
Medical, operating Mobile Clinics (2)	2,000.00
Educational, School and Hostel	5,500.00
Teachers' Training	600.00
M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home	1,600.00
Language Study	400.00
Miscellaneous, (mission business, stationery, postage, etc.)	300.00
Maintenance, (Indian Workers, labour)	750.00
	$24,500.00

(Included in Conduct of Work, upkeep of cars)

Vellore All-India Christian Medical College:	
Salary and Expenses, Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., B.Sc.	$ 1,680.00
Grant to Vellore Medical College	2,000.00
Landour Community Hospital:	
Salary and Expenses, Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N.	1,600.00
National Christian Council, Grant	150.00
Women's Union Missionary Society of America (Hospital at Jhansi)	100.00
Total for India	$48,830.00

TAIWAN

Salaries: Misses Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.; Dorothy Douglas; Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.; Helga Waapeno, Reg.N.	$5,800.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Tamsui Girls' School	3,500.00
Evangelistic (Bible Women)	1,500.00
Travel	500.00
Music Department	125.00
Maintenance, (clerical help, mission business, postage, stationery).	700.00
Cost of Living allowance (7% of salary)	340.00
Total for Taiwan	**$12,465.00**

BRITISH GUIANA

Salaries: Misses Ellen Anderson, Margaret Ramsay, Eileen Budhoo (Guianese)	$ 3,325.00
General Conduct of Work:	
Evangelistic (half year)	250.00
Car allowance and driver (half year)	250.00
Rent in lieu of bungalow	500.00
Miscellaneous (postage, stationery) half year	60.00
Total for British Guiana	$ 4,385.00

KOREANS IN JAPAN

Bible Women and Kindergarten	$ 1,300.00

BRAZIL

Partial Support of General Secretary, Student Christian Movement	$ 500.00

TRAINING OF NATIONALS

Miss Katherine Sun, from Kunming, China	$ 700.00
Miss Margaret Lim, from Taiwan	700.00
Miss Carol Chiam, from Taiwan	500.00
Dr. Chaako, from India	125.00
	$ 2,025.00

NEW MISSIONARIES (ADVANCE)

Miss Margaret MacKenzie, appointee to Korean Church in Japan, salary	$ 1,300.00
Miss Ida White, Reg.N., appointee to India, Salary	1,300.00
New appointees to Taiwan	1,550.00
Travel, outfit allowance, language study, cost of living	3,200.00
	$ 7,350.00

MISSIONARIES' EXPENSES

Furlough travel, Medical Studies and Cost of Living allowance in Canada for six missionaries:— Misses Ellen Anderson, Isabel Taylor, Dorothy Douglas, Margaret Ramsay, Bessie MacMurchy, Edith Magee	$ 4,000.00

OVERSEAS SUMMARY

India	48,830.00
Taiwan	12,465.00
British Guiana	4,385.00
Koreans in Japan	1,300.00
Brazil	500.00
Training of Nationals	2,025.00
New Missionaries	7,350.00
Missionaries' Expenses	4,000.00
General Contingency	2,645.00
	$83,500.00

ORGANIZATIONS

Regional Secretaries:
Misses Ruby Walker, Grace Mackay, Margaret MacNaughton, B.A.
Children's Work Secretary, Miss Lily Macarthur.
Associate Children's Work Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moodie.
Youth Secretary, Miss Grace Irvine.
Steno-Secretary.

Salaries and Expenses	$18,650.00
Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., salary paid by the Board of S.S. and Y.P.S.	
Camps and Conferences	500.00
Synodical Grants for Promotion Work	750.00
New Regional Secretary, Salary and Expenses	2,000.00
	$21,900.00

VISUAL EDUCATION

Department Expenditures	$1,000.00	
W.M.S. Films and Slides	50.00	
		$ 1,050.00

STUDENTS

Department Expenditures	$ 300.00

CANDIDATES

Department Expenditures	$ 100.00

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children on Mission Fields, Incorp.	$ 300.00
Ukrainian Literature, *Evangelical Truth*	1,000.00
Christian Literature for British Guiana	250.00
Christian Literature for India, through National Christian Council, (Dr. Manikam)	400.00
Christian Literature for India, *The Christian Home*	1,000.00
The British and Foreign Bible Society	1,500.00
Christian Literature for Africa, through International Committee on Christian Literature for Africa	1,000.00
Christian Literature for China, to be held for use in supplying literature for women and children refugees outside of China	500.00
Christian Literature for Latin America	500.00
Christian Literature for Formosa	600.00
Committee on World Literacy and Christian Literature used for literature in Korea and Japan	1,000.00
Christian Literature for Koreans in Japan	50.00
French Literature in Canada, through Rev. J. A. Smith	600.00
L'Aurore	500.00
Italian Literature in Montreal	300.00
Hungarian Literature, *The New Life*	500.00
	$10,000.00
Less amount to be taken from Legacy Fund	3,400.00
	$ 6,600.00

GRANTS

Research Library	$ 25.00
Foreign Division of the National Christian Council of United States	725.00
United Nations Society	10.00
Missionary Education Movement	100.00
Canadian School of Missions	1,000.00
Women's International Union, Presbyterian Alliance	25.00
Orphan Missions	1,000.00
Canadian Overseas Mission Council	75.00
	$ 2,960.00

PUBLICATIONS

Salaries: Editor, Secretary-Treasurer of Literature Department and Stenographers	$ 8,550.00
Office Rent (part)	1,860.00
Children's Department (*Counsellor and Junior Leader*)	350.00
Free Leaflets	225.00
Free Literature	500.00
Mimeographing (Missionary Letters)	60.00
Mimeographing (Organizations Department)	150.00
Annual Report and mailing tabulated forms	2,300.00
	$13,995.00

ADMINISTRATION

Salaries: Executive Secretaries, Accountant, Stenographers	$13,300.00
Office Rent (part)	3,720.00
Auditing	400.00
General Expenses (including deputation and exchange)	5,000.00
Life Membership	300.00
	$22,720.00

COUNCIL MEETING

Expenses, transportation, etc.	$ 2,500.00

SUMMARY

National Missions	$47,210.00
Insurance and Taxes	1,765.00
Overseas Missions	83,500.00
Organizations	21,900.00
Visual Education	1,050.00
Students	300.00
Candidates	100.00
Christian Literature	6,600.00
Grants	2,960.00
Publications	13,995.00
Administration	22,720.00
Temporary Cost of Living Bonuses	2,400.00
Council Meeting	2,500.00
General Contingency	3,000.00
	$210,000.00

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Prayer

O GOD, our loving Heavenly Father, in whose divine mercy all time hath its beginning and its ending; Who are from everlasting unto everlasting, the Alpha and Omega, the first and last, the great Almighty One; as a new year opens now before us, we come to Thee, Thy humble, trusting children of a storm-tossed world, asking for Thy blessing and Thy guidance in the days ahead, and seeking earnestly the sanctuary of Thy love and care. With grateful hearts we thank Thee, Lord, for Thy bountiful and abiding goodness toward us all the days of our lives, and pray that Thou wouldst give unto each one of us the calm of quiet hearts to feel the comfort of Thy touch, to realize the wonders of Thy love for all mankind, and to receive the miracle of Thy peace within our daily lives. Forgive us, O Father, wherein we have failed in what Thou wouldst have had us do for Thee; open wide our minds to hear Thy voice and know Thy will, and bestow upon us the strength and courage of understanding, tolerance and judgment which only Thou canst give.

We ask Thy blessing upon our King and all the Royal Family. Grant to them in every need Thy counsel and Thy strength.

Father, we beseech Thy blessing and Thy tender care for all who labour in Thy Church on earth, and very specially for those of Thy children in distant lands who have endured suffering and sorrow in Thy name. Be very near to them; comfort and sustain them with the knowledge of the unity of our prayers and fellowship in Thee, and grant, in Thy great mercy, that peace may come again for them, with freedom of worship and reunion with those they love. Bless all our ministers and missionaries, wherever they may serve for Thee. Protect and guide them, and speak through them, O Lord, the saving message of the Living Word.

We ask Thy special blessing on the Church we call our own; for those upon whom falls the responsibility of its leadership; for our own Missionary Society in all its branches and its aims, and for those who in its membership seek always with prayer and offerings to send Thy redeeming message of salvation unto all the far corners of this earth.

We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

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G. L. Martin, Secretary,
Eleanor McKechnie
Evening Auxiliary.

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Not long ago, Miss Ruth Yeandle, Superintendent of the Chinese Kindergarten in Vancouver, was in the office. She had just come from Windsor where she had visited with the Chinese groups there. She had met with the boys' group — the group which had started as an English class and which became a Sunday School class also—and with the women's group. She was thrilled to share the fine fellowship which prevails in these groups. She told us of the interest the Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary had in both the boys and the women. Miss Yeandle explained that the boys had been the first to come under the influence of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. One of the members of the Evening Auxiliary, a teacher in Windsor, realized their difficulty with the English language and organized the English class. Then she realized the need the Chinese women had in a new country where language and cultural barriers are great problems. The Evening Auxiliary was inspired to become acquainted with the newcomers.

In Windsor as in Sudbury women of varying backgrounds and cultures are finding something of the real meaning of brotherly love; they are tasting the joy which comes with the sincere attempt to keep the Lord's commandment to love one another.

News Notes

Miss Margaret Boyd has been appointed to Tyndale House as Superintendent of children's work. She began work there December 1st.

Miss Margaret MacKenzie who has been Superintendent of children's work in Tyndale House for three years is in Toronto now, studying at the Canadian School of Missions, preparing for service in Japan.

The Harmony Was Wonderful. Miss Frieda Matthews visited the Chinese Mission in Montreal recently. She came back tremendously enthusiastic about a sing-song she shared there. Chinese students at McGill University—future engineers, doctors, enjoy the fellowship at the Mission. They especially like to sing together. Miss Matthews said, not only did they achieve happiness in this recreation at the Mission—but "the harmony was wonderful".

Chinese Bazaar — The Chinese ladies at the Presbyterian Chinese Mission in Toronto, recently held a successful bazaar. Guests were greeted by charming Chinese ladies, some dressed in Chinese dress. Many of the articles for sale were Chinese, some home-made, others purchased from China. A tea-room was gaily decorated, where guests could have Chow Mein. A group of Chinese lads were enjoying their meal in true Chinese style. They had not been in the country very long but it was very evident that they were enjoying their new land. We hope that they may continue to know real Christian fellowship here.

Mrs. G. W. Bradley in her quarterly report on hospital visiting in Winnipeg, tells again of the great challenge presented in being able to take the message of the Church to hundreds of people every month. In addition to Presbyterian patients from the city, Mrs. Bradley has met patients from twenty-three towns and cities representing four provinces, also a young woman from one of the southern states of the U.S.A. Mrs. Bradley's experiences with out-of-town patients reminds us how great a comfort it is for those who must have hospital care away from home to have such a friend as a hospital visitor.

Chinese ladies in Toronto in traditional Chinese dress.

This Month In The Indian Schools

Work and Fun

THIS month everyone in the Indian Schools will be settling down to the winter routine of school and work and fun. There still are sixty students in high school at Birtle working hard to achieve success in their grades.

Besides school work, the students have responsibility for manual work around the school. When we visited Birtle at Thanksgiving, we saw a work routine that was really successful. Windows were washed, floors scrubbed, halls cleaned, honey extracted, pickles were in the making, several hogs and about seventy chickens lost their lives and potatoes were being dug. Inside and out there were great hives of industry. With children large and small flying about on their various tasks, it was a "buzzy" time. We learned a few new tricks in housekeeping too. Did you know that an excellent and quite joyful way of polishing a large expanse of floor is to have one medium size girl sit on a large cloth duster, and another medium size girl pull her around and around the floor? The floor shines and the faces of the girls shine as they enjoy the task.

All the work entails a great deal of organization. The Principals and Matrons of our Indian Schools must plan for every minute of every day of a seven-day week. This was very evident on the Thanksgiving week-end because in addition to having a school holiday on Thanksgiving Monday, the children were free from classroom routine for the Thursday and Friday before the holiday to allow the teaching staff to attend a teachers' conference. Again we realize how great a responsibility rests upon our Indian School Staffs. With 150 or more students to care for materially and spiritually there must be constant devotion to their task. M.E.W.

High School Students, Birtle.

World Day of Prayer Service

Friday, February 29, 1952

Theme

Christ Our Hope

(I Timothy 1:1)

(Quiet music if desired, but reverent silence will be observed as the people assemble.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: (people standing)

Praise ye the Lord . . .
Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the Lord, his God: which made heaven and earth, the sea and all that therein is: which keepeth truth forever: which executeth judgment for the oppressed: which giveth food to the hungry . . .
The Lord raiseth them that are bowed down . . .
The Lord preserveth the strangers: He relieveth the fatherless and widow. . .
Praise ye the Lord. (Psalm 146: 5-10.)

ADORATION

Hymn: (Tune: Praise My Soul) Book of Praise No. 91.

Leader: (people seated)

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in His mercy.

People: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion. For He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates: He hath blessed thy children within thee.

Leader: He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. He sendeth forth His commandment upon earth: His word runneth very swiftly . . .

People: Praise ye the Lord. (Psalm 147: 11-15, 20.)

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to His abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: that the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 1: 3-9, 13.)

(Slight pause)

Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

For His majesty and holiness; for His justice and greatness; for His power and glory; for His great mercy towards us; for His choice of us in His eternal purpose; for His faithful, protecting care; for His eternal will to redeem all mankind through the Cross and glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Leader: Blessed be our Lord Jesus Christ:

For the life of hope which He hath opened up for us; for the communion we now have with Him; whom having not seen, we love; in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

People: To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Leader: Blessed be God the Holy Spirit:

Who has created the Church to be the body of Christ; who breathed into us the spirit of love, which binds us into the one universal Christian community, the Holy Church throughout all the world; who has consecrated the Church, setting it apart for God's own use.

People: To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.

Leader and People in unison: Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and His Father, to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. (Rev. 1: 5-6.)

PENITENCE

Hymn: (Tune: Olivet) Book of Praise No. 419

(first two stanzas only, sung softly as a prayer, people seated.)

Leader: Let us come before the Throne of Grace in penitence.

People: Lord, hear my voice; let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. If Thou, Lord, shouldest mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in His word do I hope. My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Leader: Let Israel hope in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption. (Psalm 130: 2-7.)

Leader and People in unison: O God, we confess to Thee our readiness of mind which hinders us from obedience to the laws of Thy Kingdom: our blindness of heart which hides from us the mystery of Thy will and Thy purpose for Thy Kingdom; our failure in loyalty to Thy Kingdom, and our indifference to its claims upon our whole-hearted allegiance . . . O Lord, forgive. The bitterness, wrath, clamour and evil-speaking which so often break the peace of our personal and social relationships; our absorption in the cares, riches and pleasures of this life, and all that hinders us from waiting upon Thee in obedient readiness of will . . . O Lord, forgive.

Leader: It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not . . .

People: The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in Him. (Lam. 3: 22, 24.)

ASSURANCE

Leader and People in unison: Almightly God, we bless Thy name that Thou hast not left Thy people alone to suffer the penalty of their sin, but hast given Thine Own Son to be Lord of all who with penitence draw near to Him, and who with gladness accept His redemption. ''Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Therefore will we be glad in Thee, O Lord, and shout for joy, O God of our salvation.'' Amen.

Leader: Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out her roots by the river, and shall not see when heat cometh, but her leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit. (Jer. 17: 7, 8.)

People: Our soul waiteth for the Lord: He is our help and our shield. For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name. Let Thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee. Amen. (Psalm 33: 20-22.)

Leader: Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isa. 43: 19.)

People: Uphold me according unto Thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope. (Psalm 119: 116.)

Leader: When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee; when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. (Isa. 43: 2.)

When we try to realize what the promises of Scripture mean to us in difficulties and sorrows, two passages in the ''Pilgrim's Progress'' are as precious as when they were written over three hundred years ago.

Christian and Hopeful had languished miserably in the dungeon of the Giant Despair before they bethought them to turn to fervent and continuing prayer. Then, ''A little before it was day, good Christian, as one half amazed, brake out into this passionate speech: 'What a fool,' quoth he, 'am I, to lie in a dungeon, when I may as well walk at liberty! I have a key in my bosom, called Promise, that will, I am persuaded, open any lock in Doubting Castle.' '' He straightway tried his key and the dungeon door opened with ease, as did the next, and the next, and they came safely again to the King's highway.

Later on their journey, they came to a very deep and turbulent river, from the crossing of which there was no escape, but which, they were told, proved to be deeper or shallower as the traveller believed in the King of the place. Christian at once began to sink, and cried out. But Hopeful, who felt the bottom, and that it was good, kept his brother's head above the water, though at times he would be quite gone down, and then rise up half dead. As Hopeful continued to uphold and comfort him, Christian at last broke out with a loud voice. '' 'When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.' Then they both took courage and the enemy was after that as still as a stone . . . Thus they got over.''

(Slight pause.)

Hope and Christian assurance for our present every-day life are gathered up in these simple lines recently written, expressing the thought that ''*Christ is the Answer*''.*

Leader and People in unison:

''Christ is the answer to my every need.
Christ is the answer; He is my friend indeed.
Problems of life my spirit may assail;
With Christ, my Saviour, I shall never fail,
For Christ is the answer to my need.''

Hymn: (Tune: St. Anne) Book of Praise No. 74

INTERCESSION

Leader: On this day our prayers become part of the great volume of intercession that as a flood surrounds the Throne of Grace; and we plead with our Heavenly Father on behalf of all sorts and conditions of men. We see about us ''man's inhumanity to man''; we realize the inadequacy and failure of even the best of merely human efforts; and we turn to the living God, in whom alone there is help.

The Lord's hand is not shortened that it cannot save, neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear. (Isa. 59: 1.)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear Him, and His righteousness unto children's children. (Psalm 103: 17.)

Let us pray, first, for the nations of the world, their leaders, and especially for the representatives of those forming the United Nations Organization; for all refugees and displaced persons; for those robbed of their liberties and living in want and fear; for all who are caught in the grip of war.

(Prayer by one appointed, to be followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Let us pray for our King and Queen, and for Princess Elizabeth and Philip Duke of Edinburgh, for all counsellors and advisers of the Crown, for the leaders of our great Commonwealth, and especially of our own Dominion of Canada, for our own local communities, and for a keener realization of our responsibility as citizens.

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* Lt. Col. William Maltby, S.A.

(Prayer by one appointed, to be followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Let us pray for the homes of our land, and for our young people; for the many new homes being so rapidly set up amongst us by people of other lands; for all children and young people everywhere and especially for those whose lives have been scarred by hunger, homelessness, falsehood and fear.

(Prayer by one appointed, to be followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Let us pray for the Church Universal; for the Older Churches of the West that they may be renewed in their spiritual life, for the Younger Churches of the East that they may stand firm in the faith and go forward, and for all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith, in Europe, in Asia, and wherever they may be.

(Prayer by one appointed, to be followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

Let us pray for all missionaries, their work and witness, and especially for those who have had to leave their fields to an uncertain future; and for ourselves that we may realize more urgently our personal share in the advancement of the Kingdom at this time of upheaval and danger.

(Prayer by one appointed, to be followed by a pause for silent prayer.)

In unison: O God, who has put into the hearts of men a great longing for peace, but hast also given to man the power to choose, grant us the will to make our choices in accordance with Thy will. Bind the world together, O God, in fellowship, service, and love, and grant that we may take our part in the fulfillment of Thy purpose. Through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

DEDICATION

(People standing)

Leader: For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in this present world: looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. (Titus 2: 11-14.)

People: I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more. My mouth shall show forth Thy righteousness and Thy salvation all the day . . . I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of Thy righteousness, even of Thine only. (Psalm 71: 14-16.)

Prayer in unison:

O Father God, we thank Thee for the gift of Hope in Thy Son, Jesus Christ. Help us to listen to His voice, and to follow Him daily, and to lift Him up that all the world may know Him and be drawn to Him.

O Christ, our only Saviour, so come to dwell in us that we may go forth with the light of Thy hope in our eyes, and Thy love and faith in our hearts. Amen.

Hymn: (Tune: Communion [Rockingham]) Book of Praise No. 192

Address:

A brief address on the work around the world which our gifts help to make possible. (See the special leaflet, ''What Your Money Does'').

Solo: (if desired)

Presentation of Offering:

Leader: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3: 16.)

(Soft music while ushers receive and present offering.)

Leader: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, who dost accept the gifts of everyone who offers willingly, accept we pray Thee the offering of us Thy servants which with glad and humble hearts we bring unto Thee.

Grant that our offering may be a symbol of the fellowship in faith and charity which unites those in all lands who confess the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour.

Grant that the use of our offering for Christian Literature may be a means whereby Thy Holy Word may run and be glorified in the hearts of those who receive it.

Grant that the hand of the Lord Jesus may so rest upon these offerings that they may be multiplied according to Thy holy will.

O Lord, our Father, of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, we give Thee thanks for Thy great glory who with Christ Jesus our Lord and the Holy Spirit are one in the unity of the blessed Trinity. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer in unison.

Hymn: Tune: St. Clement) Book of Praise No. 671

Benediction:

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LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Attention Literature Secretaries!

AT the beginning of a New Year it is well for any department to pause and consider its purpose and how best it can fulfill that purpose. As the Literature Department does this it will recall that its task is to provide missionary education for the members of the Women's Missionary Society, which means from Mission Band children to Senior Auxiliary members.

Each year a theme is chosen for study. For 1951-52 that theme is SOUTH AMERICA. Programme materials for all the age groups are prepared upon that theme and as many additional books and supplies as possible are secured and made available through the department. Every month some recommended book is reviewed on this page and a book list is printed on the back cover of this magazine. More complete book lists are available for distribution.

No matter how much material is available unless the auxiliaries and group leaders know about it, it will be of little value. Upon Literature Secretaries falls the responsibility of making known, to those within the areas for which they are responsible, what can be secured from the Literature Department.

Synodical Literature Secretaries do this by having book displays at Synodical Executive and Annual Meetings; Presbyterial Literature Secretaries by displays at Presbyterial Executive, Annual Meetings and Rallies throughout the year and by contact with Auxiliary Literature Secretaries. **It is very important that those planning Synodical and Presbyterial meetings allow their Literature Secretaries time on the programme to tell about the literature.** Displays mean much more after a talk has been given mentioning some of the books to be found in the display. A great responsibility and opportunity rests upon the Auxiliary Literature Secretary. She should see that the Programme Committee of her auxiliary knows of the materials available; that the members know of the reading books on the study theme and that the Auxiliary Library contains copies of these books for circulation not only among members of the Auxiliary but among the other women of the congregation. The Auxiliary Literature Secretary should see that the necessary materials are provided for the younger groups in the W.M.S. Family and that the leaders of those groups know about the supplies available.

All Literature Secretaries

should read the leaflet on the work of literature secretaries carefully and watch this page and the book list each month. Then they should make known what they know to others. There is much to be done. Let us resolve that at the end of this year no one within the area for which we are responsible can say, "I did not know that there were such books and materials available!"

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

AS a new secretary of auxiliaries it is a great pleasure to be associated with Miss McClelland who has been your Evening Department Secretary for some time and it is our great desire that these two senior auxiliaries become a great influence in our churches in helping to promote an interest in missions among the boys and girls and young women, thus making us a real missionary family.

In our family lives if any member is in trouble we all try to help. So in our missionary family let us all try to assist each other in every way possible.

So often we hear these words: "We could have a Mission Band but we have no leader" or "I am afraid we will have to disband as we cannot find a president". During the coming year shall we all try to be so interested in our missionary family that if an officer is lacking in any department, another department will come to their assistance and help fill vacant offices?

Let our new year's resolutions for our family be—I will try to get at least one new member. I will pray every day. I will give as the Lord hath given to me.

Stir me oh! stir me Lord. I care not how
But stir my heart in passion for the world.
Stir me to give—to go—but most to pray
Stir till the blood-red banner be unfurled
O'er lands that still in deepest darkness lie,
O'er deserts where no cross is lifted high.

Stir me, oh! stir me Lord, Thy heart was stirred
By loves intensest fire till Thou didst give
Thine only Son, Thine best-beloved One
Even to the dreadful cross that I might live
Stir me to give myself so back to Thee
That Thou can'st give Thyself again through me.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary

All Aboard For South America!

"AS for South America—I'm becoming so interested that I would like to plan an extended visit to that land. If the Auxiliaries can't have interesting meetings this year, then they must be completely lacking in imagination."—These words were written by a young woman of our Women's Missionary Society after she had read the study materials and the recommended supplementary books on the theme *South America* and had planned meetings on that theme.

What did she find in the materials on South America to so arouse her interest? We do not know definitely what her answer would be to that question. It might be any one of many reasons or, more likely, a combination of several. We do know that this young woman *read* all the materials carefully and then *used* them to plan her meetings.

It may be that as she did the fascinating and romantic historical background of this southern neighbour of our own continent aroused her interest and imagination. Her sympathy may have been aroused by the heroic and persistent struggle of the South Americans for freedom, as briefly outlined in the study *Meet the South Americans* and more fully told in *We Americans*: *North and South.* Perhaps she felt drawn to the small but influential Protestant Church by the inspiring stories of some of its members told in *He Wears Orchids.* Her interest may have been deepened by the fact that as a member of the Women's Missionary Society she has a share in the Church's work in South America through the grants given for Christian Literature and towards the support of a student secretary in Brazil, and that as a Canadian Presbyterian she has a definite responsibility for the work being done among the East Indians in a small corner of that great continent—British Guiana.

We are not sure if it was one or all of these things which made this young woman want to visit South America but her response to this year's theme has proved the truth of the statement made by Miss Irvine on this page last October—"It is our Christian obligation to know, but this year knowing can mean an adventure in human interest."

We know it *can* and we hope it *will* be so for all the young women in our Society as they *Meet the South Americans* at their meetings this year.

—LOUISE A. REITH

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

GIRLS, are you beginning to think about what you are going to do when you leave High School? Some of you will be going on to university, some, going into hospital for training, some of you, I suppose, are thinking of a business occupation. There is such a variety of things you can do, isn't there? I am wondering how many of you have dreamed at all about the many opportunities there are for unselfish service in your Church.

During the last two or three years all over the world students have been talking a great deal about vocation and one of the conclusions to which many came was that for the Christian, into whatever type of work a young man or woman might go, he or she was bound to go with a realization that they belonged to God and whatever they did should be in accord with His purpose for the world.

We would all agree, of course, that one can enter a profession or take a position outside a full-time service in the Church, which would be pleasing to God and quite within the scope of His purpose. In the last analysis it must be left to each girl herself as to where she chooses to work and what she shall do.

In India, millions of people live and die without the services of a doctor or a nurse. Millions are illiterate and scarcely know what a teacher is. Millions in villages live at an economic level which you can scarcely imagine. There is a call to girls who believe they have a vocation in the Church to go as nurses, teachers, doctors and others to work in villages teaching the women and girls hand,-crafts, how to read and write and above all to teach them what it means to be a Christian.

In Formosa we have a girls' school, sadly in need of a Domestic Science teacher and someone who can train the Formosan teachers in methods of education and at the same time teach English.

In Japan there is a big job to do among Korean women and children, organizing them into groups, teaching the Bible to children by way of modern methods, helping in the churches and assisting the families to regain a sense of belonging to the Christian fellowship.

Girls, if you want to live adventurously, unselfishly, sacrificially for Jesus Christ, think about the opportunities in and the needs of your own Church Overseas. We are always looking for candidates. Should you be interested write to Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, 169 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto, 5. —*Laura K. Pelton.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

This story is from Miss Agnes Hislop who visited British Guiana recently. Many of our groups will not be starting their mission study until the beginning of the year, so it might be wise to hold this story for the closing meeting when the children will know more about the country and the way our Church works there.—L.M.M.

"THIS is the house where you will live," said the foreman.

"Oh, Mother! Father! Look, a real house all to ourselves!" shouted Mohan.

"It's so clean and white," added his sister Lila. "Even the posts and stairs are painted, and I'm sure that there must be four rooms in it."

"It will be nice to have more than two small rooms."

"What are you waiting for?" asked father. "Aren't you going to go into your new home?"—and then found himself almost run down as the six children dashed towards the steps and up into the house.

Presently mother and Lila went to the village market, right there on the plantation, where men and women had baskets of fruit, vegetables, grain and fish to sell. The first supper in the new home was a happy one, and the whole family felt sure that they were going to like living on Meeta Estate.

Before daylight the next morning Mohan heard his parents moving around, so he quickly got up and put on his clothes.

"Father," he said, "I want to go to the sugar-cane field with you."

"Certainly you're going!" replied his father. "A boy like you can carry cane and earn some money to help support the family. Eat your morning tea now or you won't be able to work."

Just as the sun was beginning to peek through the coconut palms a group of men and boys came along the path beside the trench, and Mohan and his dad joined them. Mohan noticed that most of the men carried long heavy knives; a friendly boy who walked beside him said that these knives are called "machetes". As the group followed a path between a wide trench and a field of sugar-cane Mohan found that his companion, Michael, was quite willing to tell him all about sugar and life on a sugar plantation. When they turned on to a narrower path beside a smaller trench Michael pointed out that the cane on one side looked just like fresh green corn stalks, while that on the other side had a brownish tinge with dry-looking leaves.

"To-day we'll finish the field

we're going to work in now," he said. "This browner field will be burned this afternoon, and on Monday the men will begin cutting it."

"Doesn't the cane burn up if a fire is set in the field?" asked Mohan.

"No," replied Michael, "There is so much juice in the stalks that they aren't harmed; only the dry leaves burn, and then the stalks are easier to handle. Besides, the fire chases away any snakes that might be in the field."

Just then the men reached the field where they had been cutting on the previous day. The men with machetes began to cut down the cane, while the other men and the boys carried the stalks over to the edge of a nearby trench. Mohan picked up one stalk and discovered it to be much heavier than he had imagined. At the trench he found that the stalks were loaded into steel boats called punts. When the punts were filled ten or twelve of them would be chained together, end to end, and would be pulled along in the trench by a team of mules walking on the bank. The punts were taken to the sugar factory where the cane would be unloaded and processed until sugar for our tables was produced.

At noon everyone sat down to eat the lunches which they had brought along, so Mohan and Michael got better acquainted.

"Do you work in the cane field every day?" asked Mohan.

"Oh, no," answered Michael. "I'm here today only because it's Saturday."

"What do you do other days?" inquired Mohan.

"I go to the Canadian Mission School," was Michael's reply. "Didn't you see that big white building on high posts, the one just as you turned off the Major Road on to the estate road? That's our school. There are nearly four hundred students, and I am in Fifth Standard. Next year I should finish, and then I would like to go to High School in New Amsterdam. What was your old school like?"

To Michael's surprise Mohan answered that he had never gone to school in his life; there hadn't been one near enough to his home on the rice plantation at Kala, so he just couldn't go.

"Then you must come to our school," declared Michael. "You *must* come with me on Monday. We won't be in the same class, but I'm sure that you're smart enough to be put on real fast. Yes, you must come on Monday—that's the day the lady missionary comes."

"Who comes?" questioned Mohan.

"The lady missionary," explained Michael. "She comes out from town in a car, and brings a little organ with her. Then we sing songs and hymns just like in Sunday School, and she always tells us a story—about Jesus and other Bible people; or about people who are like Bible people; and she shows us pictures. She gave me a New Testament, and when I had read it she gave me a whole Bible for my very own. Do you like to go to Sunday School, and do you love Jesus?" Michael paused, out of breath.

"Go where? And love Who?" queried the amazed Mohan, and in response to further questioning disclosed that he had never even heard of Jesus Christ, the Bible or Sunday School.

Now Michael had heard the lady missionary say that everyone who loves Jesus Christ, can be a missionary. And right here was a boy his own age who had never heard of Jesus! As Michael told the story of the Saviour Mohan listened with eager interest, and some of the men stopped their chatting to listen too. When Michael at last paused Mohan questioned, "And your lady missionary teaches you about this Jesus in your school?"

"Yes, and so do our teachers every day," answered Michael.

"Oh, I want to know more about Him," Mohan said. "And more of this Bible you speak of. If I go to school can I learn to read it, and to know more about Jesus?"

"Of course," replied Michael. "Do you want to start by coming to Sunday School with me tomorrow?"

Mohan looked over at his father, who had been listening to the Gospel message as intently as had his son.

"Mohan," said the father, "You may go to the school if you wish. It would make me very happy if you could read the Bible and learn more of this Jesus." Then he looked at Michael. "But what about grown-up people like Mohan's mother and myself?" he asked. "We can't go to the school, but I would like to know more of this Jesus too."

"Oh, you can come to the Sunday School, where there is a class for big people, and to the church services every Sunday. They are held in the school, and we have our own minister here on the Estate. I will tell him that you have just come to Meeta, and he will be glad to visit at your home. Sometimes the missionary comes out from town and we have special services every night for a week or two. Then we really have a chance to learn a lot at once about Jesus and our Heavenly Father. Oh, I will be so happy when you know Jesus too!"

Mohan and his father looked at each other.

"Perhaps it won't be so very long," said his father, and Mohan smiled a big smile as he answered, "I'm certainly glad we left Kala Estate and came to Meeta to live."

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Nanaimo,** held their fall Thank-offering service when Miss Ellen Douglas was guest speaker and outlined her work among the Bhils in India. At the regular meeting of the Senior Auxiliary, Mrs. A. K. Young gave a report of the Council Meeting held in Regina, at which she was a delegate.

Knox Church, **Sooke,** had a combined meeting addressed by Miss Ellen Douglas. Mrs. Kendrew, President of the Young Women's Evening Guild, presided and the service of worship was taken by the Evening Guild.

The Presbyterian girls of **Victoria** joined in a supper meeting at St. Andrew's Church to welcome Miss Ellen Douglas, returned missionary from India. Speaking of her work among the Bhils Miss Douglas pointed out how lovable these people are, and how, once they become Christians, their faith is immovable. The girls were deeply impressed and in conclusion Miss Douglas pointed out the part each girl here was playing to insure the spread of Christianity. About fifty girls were present.

Later in the evening Miss Douglas spoke to the young women. Miss Douglas spoke of the changes in India as a result of the changed political set up and stressed the great challenge now before the Christian Church in that land. On the following evening Miss Douglas was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary. Reverend J. L. W. McLean took the service of worship and Mrs. J. G. Robinson presided.

Westminster Presbyterial — The fall rally of the Presbyterial was held with Mrs. M. Clifford presiding. The guest speakers were the Synodical President, Mrs. W. J. Murdoch and Mrs. George Bell, who gave reports of the recent Council Meeting held in Regina.

The Senior Auxiliary of Hunter Church, **Vancouver** met in October to honour Mrs. Hussey, who has been President of the Auxiliary for nine years. A time of music and fellowship was enjoyed at the close.

At the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary, **New Westminster,** the guest speaker, Miss Ellen Douglas, spoke of the political situation in India and told of Christian Education and the efforts being made to improve farming conditions among the Bhil people.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, **North Vancouver,** held their fall Thank-offering meeting recently when greetings were brought by Mr. R. Armstrong from the Session, Mr. J. Leighton from the Board of Management, and Miss Margaret Green from the Sunday School. Members of the C.G.I.T. group were in charge of the literature table. The speaker, Mrs. G. Bell, gave an excellent report of the Council Meeting which was held in Regina. It was felt the report helped listeners to grasp a broader outlook of the missionary effort.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Aidan's Church, New Westminster, held their fall Thank-offering meeting at the regular church service on Sunday evening November 4th. Miss Ellen Douglas, the guest speaker, was introduced by Dr. McLean-Bell. Miss Douglas gave a most interesting talk on her work in India and the changes which have occurred since India gained her independence.

The Thank-offering meeting of Marpole Auxiliary, **Vancouver,** was held at the home of Mrs. A. S. McKillop. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch was the guest speaker.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial—The Annual Thank-offering meeting of North Hill Auxiliary, **Calgary,** was held in October, with a good attendance. Reverend R. MacKay Esler of Knox Church, Calgary, was the guest speaker.

Grace Church, Calgary, have a new Young Women's group, sponsored by the Grace Church Bethany Group, which has recently moved into the Evening Department. Although this new group has held only one meeting, the girls are most enthusiastic and we look for interesting reports of their progress.

Edmonton Presbyterial — Edmonton Auxiliaries held a fall rally, when guest speakers were three of our National Secretaries. Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary and Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary. Edmonton Presbyterial is most grateful for the visit of these three National Secretaries.

The Auxiliary of First Church, **Edmonton,** held their Thank-offering meeting in October. Mrs. Mietzer, wife of the Hungarian minister for Edmonton and the northern district, spoke on the work she and her husband are doing among their own people. The work is not without discouragement and our prayers are urgently needed. At a previous meeting of this auxiliary, Reverend Edwin White spoke on the expansion needed in our Church, much of it in our own city. So many rural districts are without a Presbyterian minister.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The fall Executive of the Presbyterial was held at Olds, with the President, Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick presiding. Mrs. Weber of Carstairs gave an excellent report of the Council Meeting.

The Thank-offering meeting of Knox Church Auxiliary, **Red Deer,** had Mrs. M. Barnes of Rocky Mountain House as guest speaker.

SASKATCHEWAN

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REGINA Presbyterial—The Women's Federation and the Evening Auxiliary of First Church, **Regina,** held a joint Thank-offering meeting. The Reverend R. A. Davidson was the guest speaker and he presented a vivid picture of Grande Prairie and of the Alaska Highway to Whitehorse. He stressed the needs of the different churches. One church was opened at the request of a group of young men who felt that they must have a place to worship, and the Presbyterian faith was chosen.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—A rally of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Biggar,** early in October. Mrs. J. T. White presided. Representatives from St. Andrew's and Parkview Churches, Saskatoon, as well as delegates from Wilkie, Dinsmore, Rosetown, and North Battleford were present. Worthy of special mention was a full attendance of members of the Fairmount Auxiliary who had travelled over one hundred miles to be present. The special speaker at the afternoon session was Mrs. A. B. Cruickshank, Home Helpers Secretary on Council Executive.

On October 22nd and 23rd Miss

Bricker and Miss Irvine visited **Rosetown.** Miss Bricker addressed the Sunday School Teachers and leaders. Ten young people from Biggar were in attendance and all were greatly inspired by Miss Bricker's message. Miss Irvine met with the Senior and Young Women's Auxiliaries. Five representatives from Dinsmore attended this meeting with the Rosetown groups. The fall Thank-offering meeting was held November 7th with a very good attendance. The Senior Auxiliary has lost a valued member in the person of Mrs. McIntyre who has moved to Moose Jaw.

MANITOBA

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WINNIPEG Presbyterial — At a meeting of the Presbyterial in St. John's Church, **Winnipeg,** the guest speaker was Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary. She said there was a great objective before us in the drive for 10,000 new members with 100 new groups. It is not so easy to-day to get women for our Women's Missionary Society as in former years. The task to be done is so large and yet it has great possibilities. Miss Pelton also spoke of the work done by the girls who served with the vans during the summer and of our Overseas Missions.

The Home Helpers of Kildonan Church held a very successful evening in Nesbit Hall on November 6th. Mrs. D. McRae, Home Helpers Secretary, planned the programme and social. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, gave greetings remarking that this has been a wonderful year for Kildonan. The 60th anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary which was held in June and the Centenary Year of Kildonan Church, when members from many churches gathered together in prayer and fellowship.

The regular November meeting of Kildonan Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. Hector Macdonald. The fourth chapter of the study book and the devotions were shared by Mrs. J. P. Duffin and Mrs. C. Smith. Miss Margaret MacNaughton was a welcome guest and spoke of her work. She also told of the study to be used in 1952: namely *Meet the South Americans,* and of the supplementary books available to go with it.

Stonewall Auxiliary had Mrs. J. P. Duffin, Presbyterial President, as their guest speaker at their November meeting. She gave a most interesting and inspiring report of the recent Council Meeting held in Regina.

The Young Women's and Evening Departments of the Presbyterial held a joint meeting in First Presbyterian Church, **Winnipeg,** with Miss Laura K. Pelton as guest speaker. She presented a challenge to all who heard her. Miss Pelton said, "we must consider our work in terms of the World Church, it is the World Church's World Mission. Christ is over all life. He is Lord of all living. It is for us to give evidence of this fact. How can we call ourselves Christians and not feel the need for Missions. The time has come when we must make Him known." Following Miss Pelton's talk a lively discussion took place on ways of interesting women in our work. The Hildur Hermanson Young Women's Auxiliary conducted the devotions. The Ellen Douglas and First Church Evening Auxiliaries served refreshments.

A record attendance marked the fall Thank-offering meeting of First Church, Winnipeg, when Reverend H. L. Henderson of Portage la Prairie addressed the meeting. Mr. Henderson stressed our relationship as a missionary society to the peoples of the world, a relationship which has placed upon each one of us a personal responsibility.

An Explorer Expedition was held at Old Kildonan Church, Winnipeg, on October 13th. Girls from four churches attended. The St. James Explorer group led in the service of worship. Miss Margaret McBeth of Old Kildonan Church told the girls the story of the Selkirk Settlers and the founding of the church. Mrs. J. P. Duffin, Presbyterial President, brought greetings and told the girls how to be good Explorers. Miss Margaret MacNaughton assisted in the service and the social hour which followed in Nesbit Hall. A trip through the cemetery proved very interesting.

On October 27th a Mission Band Rally was held at St. John's Church, Winnipeg. The gathering was small because some groups have no leaders. The St. John's Mission Band with their leader, Mrs. J. Hutchison, conducted the worship service. Mrs. J. P. Duffin, Presbyterial President, told the boys and girls the story of the Selkirk Settlers. Miss Margaret MacNaughton attended and helped with the games and singing. Everyone enjoyed learning a song from the new study book *The Children Downstairs.*

Superior Presbyterial—The 25th anniversary tea of the Evening Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Port Arthur,** was held in the Sunday School room. Receiving were Miss M. I. L. Smellie, organizer and first president, and Mrs. E. Olson, President. Presiding at the tea trays were Mesdames Charles LeCocq, Synodical President, Gordon E. Bastedo, Austin Grant, Auxiliary President, J. P. Stirrett, Presbyterial President, George Benger and Miss Elizabeth Dobie and Miss Phyllis Walsh.

The Senior Auxiliary of First Church, Port Arthur, held the annual Mission Band tea. There was a very good attendance and the children entertained their mothers with a programme.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —Mrs. A. A. Ashley, Presbyterial President, presided at an all day session of the annual executive meeting held in **Tiverton.** During the afternoon session a most interesting discussion period brought forth the findings: that each auxiliary should have a Literature Secretary; that if it were possible to have a missionary on furlough spend a month in the Presbyterial greater interest in missions and greater financial returns for missions would result. Mrs. F. Rowand of Walkerton was the guest speaker of the afternoon.

The Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries of **Southampton** Church held a joint Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. F. Piper presided. Mrs. R. G. McKay of Tiverton gave an address on working for missions. Mrs. I. McVittie and Mrs. A. Saunders led the devotions.

The November meeting of the Agnes Tolmie Auxiliary of Southampton was held at the home of Mrs. J. F. Morton. The President Miss N. Campbell presided. The guest speaker was Mrs. Alvin McIntosh, who with her husband Rev. A. McIntosh was visiting in Southampton before sailing to India to take up missionary duties.

The Afternoon, Evening and Young Women's Auxiliaries of Geneva Church, **Chesley** united for their annual

Fall Thank-offering meeting at which Mrs. Gavin Kirkwood presided. Rev. David McLelland recently arrived in Chesley brought a challenging message entitled: ''The Missionary is You.'' Mrs. H. Baird and Mrs. W. Grey took charge of the devotional period.

The Hanna-Reith Auxiliary of **Tara** held its fall Thank-offering meeting in the Sunday School room. Guests were present from Allenford, Chesley and Owen Sound. They were received by the President, Mrs. G. A. Robertson and Mrs. D. McDonald a Presbyterial Vice-President and wife of the minister of the church. Mrs. R. G. McKay of Tiverton spoke of the work to be done in the fields ''already white unto harvest''.

The auxiliaries of **Chatsworth, Williamsford** and **Dornoch** held their annual Thank-offering in the beautiful rural Presbyterian Church at **Dornoch**, Mrs. H. Smith presided. Mrs. J. S. Dobbie of Owen Sound gave an address on the subject: ''My Task.'' Her text was Titus 2: 5.

During the Centennial Services held in Knox Church, **Walkerton** an evening was set aside for missions. The W.M.S. Auxiliary had charge. Rev. W. Henderson conducted the opening religious service. The Auxiliary presented an historical pageant. Miss Ruby Walker gave an interesting talk on her work in the Canadian West. Rev. F. G. Stewart of Kitchener gave an inspiring talk on the necessity for missionary work at home and abroad.

Chatham Presbyterial — The W.M.S. Auxiliary of **Valetta** held a tea to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Auxiliary. Over one hundred women signed the register and short addresses were given by the daughters, granddaughters and relatives of charter members. It was a happy and momentous occasion.

Miss Ruth Yeandle, Superintendent of Chinese children's work in Vancouver, was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of the Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary held in the parlors of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor.** Guests of the auxiliary were Chinese mothers. Plans were made for a Book Review to be given in March by Mrs. Henry Wieduttes of Detroit. Mrs. Clara Prince gave the Thanksgiving address and Miss B. Bayne had charge of the service of worship.

Miss Jessie Smith reviewed the book: *Our Heritage and Our Faith,* at a meeting of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor. Mrs. H. M. Wetherall and Mrs. H. W. Mellon conducted the service of worship. Reports showed that 132 magazines had been taken to East Windsor Hospital and to the Essex County Sanatorium this year.

Mrs. W. M. Taylor welcomed a large attendance at the Thank-offering meeting of First Church Auxiliary, **Chatham.** Rev. J. McLean introduced the guest speaker who was Rev. Leslie Borsay of Delhi. Mr. Borsay pointed out that we have too many material things in this world and do not strive to find the more beautiful spiritual ones. Mrs. F. Fletcher thanked the speaker.

The October meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor, was held at the home of Mrs. J. B. Metcalfe. Mrs. J. C. Barrow, President, presided.

The Fall Thank-offering service of the **Amherstburg** Auxiliary was held in the church. Mrs. D. S. Campbell, the guest speaker, took Psalm 116 as the basis of her remarks.

Mrs. J. B. McAlpine was the guest

speaker at the Senior Auxiliary meeting of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor.** "Never was the Church faced with such an opportunity", Mrs. McAlpine said. A Christmas card to Miss Isabel McConnell was signed by members of the auxiliary.

The **Duart** Auxiliary celebrated its 60th anniversary in the Fall. The President, Mrs. Donald McLaren welcomed over 125 guests. Mrs. A. McLean extended greetings. Mrs. Noble Law representing Duart auxiliary replied as did Mrs. Reynolds of Turin, Mrs. Oliver of Rodney, Mrs. Ivan Hamil of Ridgetown and Mrs. Buchan of Kintyre. Mrs. F. Morden gave a detailed account of the Duart Auxiliary since its beginning. Mrs. Dixon, wife of a former minister, was the guest speaker. Her topic was: "Ye Shall Receive Power—What is our work for the future and what is the function of our Church?"

The final chapter of the study book was reviewed by Mrs. E. R. Dales at the November meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, Windsor. The importance of sending out Christian Literature was stressed. Mrs. A. Inglis had charge of the devotional period and the President, Mrs. C. J. Barrow read letters from India describing conditions and work being carried on there.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Rev. Stanley Vance spoke on Christian Outreach at St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary, **Hamilton.** Mrs. D. K. M. Stewart and Miss Agnes Edmonstone assisted in the meeting. Miss Grace McHaffie spoke on Chinese work in Canada. Regret was expressed for the loss to the auxiliary of two deceased members: Miss Jessie Morton and Mrs. J. McGill.

St. Columba Presbyterian Girls' Group were busy making favours for Christmas at the Sanatorium. The forming of the Jessie Gordon Bible Class with Mrs. Wm. Corrance as leader has been the outcome of interest in group Bible study.

Mr. Wm. Wallace showed many interesting slides of Ethiopia when he spoke to New Westminster Auxiliary. Mrs. Alex Graham presided at a joint Thankoffering meeting held by the Senior Auxiliary and the Mildred Gehman Auxiliary of Erskine Church. Mrs. Donald Munro, past president of Hamilton and London Synodical, was guest speaker. She took as her topic: "Sharing", emphasizing the need of the Church to share the Christian message with many who have not had the chance to hear it.

Huron Presbyterial—Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair spoke to a meeting of the Caven Auxiliary, **Exeter**, speaking on Psalm 23. Mrs. Strang reviewed *The Glad Tidings.* Mrs. F. Whitsmith was hostess.

London Presbyterial—As part of special services commemorating the 60th anniversary of Alma Street Church, **St. Thomas**, the W.M.S. Auxiliary held their own 55th Anniversary and Thankoffering. Mrs. A. Howard, President, welcomed the guests. Rev. J. K. West, minister of the church, led the devotions. Rev. L. A. Borsay, Delhi, the guest speaker, took as his theme the story of the blind man whom Jesus healed on His way to Jericho. Greetings were brought from the Presbyterial Executive, from the Synodical, the Church Session and from Knox Church, St. Thomas. Mrs. George Bloye, a member for forty-six years gave a history of the auxiliary.

The **Wallacetown** Auxiliary entertained Dutton and New Glasgow Auxiliaries at its Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Blue presided. Mrs. C. McCarroll of Ilderton was the speaker and chose as her topic: Act of Rendering Thanks to God.

At the regular hour of church service, the **Ailsa Craig** Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting. Miss Ruby Walker was the speaker and told of the work being done in Canada by our Society, emphasizing the work in Indian Schools and among the Chinese.

Miss Ella Gorbly was hostess for the Thank-offering meeting of the Elmwood Avenue Auxiliary, London. Mrs. J. H. Childs, guest speaker, based her address on our reasons for giving thanks. Devotions were taken by Mrs. Harold Steel and Mrs. Edward Kent.

Mrs. A. D. Fletcher extended a welcome to members of West Adelaide Auxiliary who were guests of St. George's Auxiliary, London. Mrs. H. E. Shaef presided. As guest speaker, Mrs. Robert Bruce of Wallacetown based her discourse on the gifts of God which inspire thanksgiving of Christians throughout the world.

Maitland Presbyterial—The village of **Ethel** was the point where auxiliaries of the eastern section of the Presbyterial gathered to hear Mrs. A. McAuley's report of the Council meeting held in Regina.

The sectional meeting for the western division of Maitland Presbyterial was held in **Calvin** Church. Mrs. McAuley gave her report of Council in Regina.

The **Langside** Auxiliary held its Thank-offering in the church. Mrs. Robert Mowbray, Wingham was guest speaker.

The Mission Band of Langside Church had their parents as guests when they entertained with musical numbers and the showing of slides.

The **Bluevale** Auxiliary sends an encouraging message. The regular meeting day was changed to Wesdnesday afternoon when all places of business are closed. There has been an increase in membership and an excellent attendance at the meetings. The Rev. Mr. Cronheim, of Wroxeter addressed one meeting on Life in China. The Thank-offering was observed at a Sunday evening church service. Rev. W. H. T. Fulton of Brussels spoke on the words: Man shall not live by bread alone. Two films were shown.

The Home Helpers group of the **Belmore** Auxiliary are rapidly building a missionary library in their church. This includes books and pamphlets interesting to both adults and children.

Molesworth Auxiliary held their autumn Thank-offering on a Sunday evening in the Sunday School room of the church. Friends from Gorrie were guests. Mrs. Gordon Campbell was in the chair. Miss C. Acheson was the speaker. At the close of the meeting an address of welcome was read to Rev. and Mrs. Boggs who have recently arrived in this vicinity.

Niagara Presbyterial — Mrs. H. J. Scott of Beamsville was the speaker at **St. David's** Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting. She spoke on work in Newfoundland where she and her husband ministered for eight years.

At their autumn Thank-offering, the Chippawa Auxiliary had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. Joseph Muro, a missionary from Mexico, tell of her work among the Indians there. Mrs. Muro is the former Mildred Kumele of Stamford.

The C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, **Welland,** held their first parent's night, in McCuaig Hall. In an impressive ceremony, nine new members were received. Mrs. R. G. Wilson, Girls' Organizations Secretary, Niagara Presbyterial, presented a chevron certificate granted by the National C.G.I.T. Committee for attaining required standards. Miss E. Dick President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary, presented World Friendship badges to the group for having completed the required mission study.

Niagara Presbyterial held an Executive meeting in St. Catharines. Mrs. R. G. Wilson of Welland reported an all day conference held recently in Welland for C.G.I.T. leaders. Mrs. Wilson spoke too of the Sponsors' conference held in London where those interested in sponsoring the C.G.I.T. movement for teen-age girls received help and inspiration. Mrs. G. Whitton, Presbyterial Children's Secretary told of two new groups. She also told of plans being made to have Miss Lily Macarthur in the Presbyterial from January 28 to February 18 to confer with Mission Band and Explorer leaders.

Paris Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of **Innerkip** Presbyterian Church held their annual Thank-offering and 50th anniversary meeting in the church. Miss Louise Reith of Toronto, Secretary-Treasurer of the Literature Department was guest speaker. ''You received the torch from the pioneer women who began this work fifty years ago. Carry it and pass it on until the whole world is won for Christ.'' A pageant portraying the organization meeting held in the manse in 1901 showed Rev. J. P. Schissler the present minister taking the part of Rev. Peter Straith the organizer in those by-gone days. Mrs. L. C. Gillespie gave the history of the Foreign, Home and the Women's Missionary Society auxiliaries, mentioning also the Sunshine Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. group. Presbyterial greetings were brought by Mrs. Robert Scott of Woodstock; from Paris Presbytery by Rev. J. P. Schissler. Guests were present from Detroit, Woodstock, Embro, Ratho, 13th Line, East Zorra, Innerkip Baptist and United churches and from the surrounding community. One guest, Mrs. David Malcolm of Woodstock was present at the first W.F.M.S. meeting.

Organized in 1901 as a Foreign Mission Band and named for the beloved queen who died that year, the Victoria Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Ingersoll,** celebrated its Golden Anniversary recently. The President, Mrs. W. Clothier presided. Greetings were brought from all the groups of the church. Mrs. J. A. McKenzie introduced Mrs. Deane Johnstone of Brantford, President of Paris Presbyterial, who gave her personal impressions of the meetings of the W.M.S. Council in Regina. A brief history read by Mrs. R. S. Paterson told of the Sunday School class of Miss Mary Morrison organizing for mission work. Starting with a yearly fee of ten cents and weekly savings of a penny, the group earned money through cooking sales, teas and other ventures. Now with all givings on a voluntary basis, the Auxiliary can look back on half a century of meeting every allocation. Miss Emma Palethorpe, missionary to Korea, was designated from this auxiliary.

Sarnia Presbyterial—The fall Executive of Sarnia Presbyterial was held in **Alvinston** in Guthrie Church. Mrs. J. K. West of St. Thomas was guest speaker. She took her text from Proverbs: ''Where there is no vision, the people perish''. In spite of or because of fears, failures and frustrations that discourage us, we need new vision and new enthusiasm to do things for Christ, the speaker said. Mrs. P. J. McEwen presided over the business sessions.

The **Forest** Auxiliary had a very interesting meeting when they held a Family Night. The Mission Band, Home Helpers and Evening Auxiliary all took part in the programme. Mrs. Fred Gallie spoke of the Council meeting in Regina.

Dr. Angus McIver of Wyoming addressed the **Aberarder** Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting. His text was from St. Luke: "Were there not ten cleansed, where are the nine?"

St. Andrew's Evening Auxiliary of **Petrolia** entertained the Evening Auxiliaries of St. James Church, Forest and Paterson Memorial, Sarnia. Miss Ruth Churchill, a missionary of the United Church staff told of her experiences among New Canadians in Montreal.

Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, **Sarnia** entertained the Corunna and Mooretown auxiliaries at their Thank-offering. Miss Della Anderson of Corunna gave a paper on Faith, Hope and Charity.

Mrs. W. G. Stauth of Windsor, Synodical President, was guest speaker at St. Andrew's Afternoon Auxiliary, Sarnia at their Thank-offering.

Mrs. Fred Gallie, Synodical Corresponding Secretary, was the guest speaker at **Camlachie** Auxiliary.

Stratford Presbyterial — Mrs. James Erskine of Monkton, Presbyterial President, presided over an all day session of the Presbyterial Executive. The Milverton auxiliaries are to arrange the programme for the annual Presbyterial meeting to be held in Knox Church, Stratford, January 12, 1952. Mrs. R. Ballantyne of Avonton reported very successful sectional meetings held in Motherwell-Avonbank Church, recently. Each president at the meeting gave an idea on how to make the W.M.S. meetings more interesting.

The Auxiliary of Burns Church, **Milverton,** heard Miss Ruth Young of the China Inland Mission staff, at their annual Thank-offering meeting. Miss Young has recently returned from China. The Christians are the ones most able to withstand the hardships, she said.

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CORRECTION—In the October *Glad Tidings* it was announced that Knox Mission Band, Midland, received the award for the best Mission Band display at the annual meeting of Barrie Presbyterial. This should have been Knox Church, **Flos.**

The autumn Executive meeting of the Synodical Society was held in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto. Reports were heard from the delegates to Council Meeting held in Regina. The Synodical Treasurer reported the finances in good condition, with an increase over last year of nearly $6,000 to the end of September. The Senior Department reported two new groups formed. The twelve Presbyterial Presidents gave highlights of their Presbyterials which brought out interesting discussions. Speaking at the open meeting in the evening Reverend Michael Fesenko, Th.B., minister to the Ukrainians in Toronto, told of the growth of their church and of the work being done among the Ukrainian newcomers.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — A very successful Thank-offering meeting was held in Knox Church, **Mountain,** when guests were present from South Mountain, Kemptville, Winchester and Winchester Springs. The President, Mrs. Harold Graham welcomed the guests and had charge of the service of worship. The theme throughout, centred around the word ''Give''. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, who gave interesting highlights of the Council Meeting held in Regina.

Chesterville Auxiliary was hostess to Morewood, Dunbar, and Winchester Auxiliaries at their Thank-offering meeting in St. Andrew's Church. The President, Mrs. Jay Bailey welcomed the guests and conducted the service of worship. Mrs. Brodie of Morrisburg, was the guest speaker. Her talk was on ''Missionaries In South America''.

The Eliza Dowsley Auxiliary of **Prescott** had Mrs. N. W. Heslip of Madoc as guest speaker at their fall Thank-offering meeting.

Montreal Presbyterial—An open Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Melville Church, **Westmount.** Mrs. Robert McCleery presided and the service of worship was conducted by members of Maisonneuve Auxiliary. Reports were given by members of the Board. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, gave highlights of the Council Meeting. The Reverend Clifton J. MacKay, minister of Knox-Crescent and Kensington Church, was the guest speaker and gave a most inspiring address on ''Good news in bad times''.

The **Georgetown** Young Women's Auxiliary celebrated its 25th anniversary in October. Former members of the Auxiliary together with friends from Ormstown, Riverfield and members of Montreal Presbyterial Executive were present. Miss Laura Robertson presided and welcomed the guests. Mrs. James Wilson conducted the service of worship. Special music was provided by a quartette and solo. The history of the Auxiliary was given by the President. Mrs. W. E. Baker brought greetings from the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa and Mrs. Robert McCleery from Montreal Presbyterial. Miss Margaret MacKenzie, deaconess, who is working at Tyndale House gave a most interesting address on her work.

Ottawa Presbyterial — The annual Mission Band rally of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Ottawa,** with Band members from Erksine, Gloucester, Hull, St. Giles, St. Stephen's, Richmond and Westminster churches present. The film ''The Healing of M'Vonda'' was greatly enjoyed by the children. Mrs. G. Scott Murray, Presbyterial President, spoke to the children and presented the seals and diplomas. Supper was served to all by the Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's.

The November meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, Ottawa, was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Helen Brodie. Mrs. Brodie, formerly of Morrisburg in Brockville Presbyterial, had brought long years of experience in missionary work, zeal, and untiring effort to her service in this Auxiliary and will be greatly missed.

The Thank-offering meeting of Westminster Auxiliary, Ottawa was held at the manse. Mrs. J. M. Robertson was in charge of the service of worship. Mrs. Wm. Eadie, Presbyterial Supply Secretary, was the guest speaker and was introduced by the President, Mrs. Edward Bingham.

Quebec Presbyterial — A sectional meeting was held in **Sherbrooke,** in September with the Vice-President, Mrs. W. E. McIver, Melbourne, presiding.

The roll call was responded to by members of Melbourne, Richmond, Sherbrooke Young Women's Auxiliaries. The speaker, Mr. William Brown, student minister at Melbourne-Richmond, had a message for all who were privileged to hear him.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Sherbrooke, held its fall Thank-offering meeting in the church hall, the President, Mrs. George Stevenson, presiding. The Reverend Ross Adams introduced the speaker, Reverend Paul Chan, minister of the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal. Mr. Chan told of his work among the Chinese, stating there had been a Sunday School since 1883. A new church has recently been completed, and over 200 young people pass through the doors of the mission in a week, from the gymnasium on the ground floor, through the School on the second floor, and into the Sanctuary on the third. Many of them had never seen a Bible before coming to Canada.

St. Andrew's Mission Band, Sherbrooke, held its Thank-offering meeting in November. A large number of parents and friends greatly enjoyed the programme presented by the children. The president, Miss Jean Miller conducted the meeting. Two playlets—‘‘Building A School’’ and ‘‘The Bag of Wishes’’, were given by the children. The 23rd Psalm was sung to the Covenanter's Air by the children. A film ‘‘The Thankful Dandelions’’ brought a most enjoyable programme to a close. Mrs. Adams, the leader, expressed her deep appreciation to her Auxiliary and to the Young Women's Associate Auxiliary who sponsor this Band.

The fall Thank-offering meeting of Melbourne-Richmond Auxiliary was held in the church hall, **Upper Melbourne,** with guests from Sherbrooke Young Women's Auxiliary, Danville, Asbestos, and some friends from Montreal. The meeting was opened by the President, Mrs. W. E. McIver, after which the Sherbrooke Young Women's Auxiliary took charge of the programme. A film entitled ‘‘Now I See’’ was shown.

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November 30, 1951

RECEIPTS:	
Refund on Council	$ 10.50
Salem Cottage Evening Auxiliary, balance from Miss Matthews' Expenses	7.25
Women's Association, Rosedale Church, Toronto, ‘‘Education of Miss Katherine Sun’’	25.00
Mrs. E. Gibson, Innisfail, Alberta, ‘‘Chinese Mission Work’’	5.00
Mrs. Thos. Bell, Toronto	10.00
Birtle Government Grant	12,105.01
Cecilia Jeffrey Government Grant	9,578.52
Government Grant for clothing of Indian High School Students	855.00
Life Membership	150.75
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	1,100.00
British Columbia, Supplies	17.10
Alberta	900.00
Alberta, Supplies	14.25
Saskatchewan	352.37
Saskatchewan, Supplies	44.25
Manitoba	366.65
Hamilton and London	7,200.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	157.55
Toronto and Kingston	8,160.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	502.00
Montreal and Ottawa	4,200.00
	$45,761.20

DISBURSEMENTS:

Indian Schools:	
Birtle Indian School	$ 183.33
Birtle, Government Grant	7,939.89
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	166.66
Cecilia Jeffrey Government Grant	2,987.04
Deaconesses	839.72
Chinese in Canada	1,125.65
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Montreal	398.84
National Advance	302.25
Van Expenses	7.50
India, Bhil Field	52.13
Taiwan	375.00
Overseas Advance	858.33
Training of Nationals	159.44
Education of Candidate, Ewart Trust Fund	33.00
Grant to Foreign Division of the National Christian Council of United States	515.00
Organization	1,474.63
Publications	948.27
Administration	2,016.11
Exchange	11.28
Supplies	926.62
Port Work	151.53
Insurance and Taxes	62.15
Deputation	42.75
Payments from Special Gifts	2,033.55
Cost of Living Bonuses	390.00
Amount paid from Missionaries' Salaries as requested	245.00
Student	70.00
Hospitalization	25.40
Visual Aids	3.00
	$24,344.07

TRUST FUNDS:

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 140.39
Legacy Fund—	
Payment on Windermere Property	25.00
Estate of Isabella Telfer, through Thedford Auxiliary, "Projector for Birtle Indian School"	100.00
Estate of Minnie McLachlin, St. Thomas, Ontario	1,000.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	48.80
	$1,314.19

DISBURSEMENTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Projector for Birtle	$ 75.79
Second Mobile Medical Clinic for India	2,350.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Miss Taylor and Miss Chiam at the Conservatory of Music	100.00
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Editorial

WE pay tribute to the Formosan Presbyterian Church in this issue. In the month of February great revival services are being held to celebrate eighty years of Christian witness by our Church on a lovely island off the China coast.

It gives us a feeling of great confidence in the job we are doing to think of what has been accomplished in Formosa. But while we are congratulating ourselves that our mission has been so successful—let us stop and think of the point of view taken by Dr. Norman Kennedy, Moderator of the General Assembly, who as he says was "The Voice of the Church" at special pre-anniversary services. "The work of the Mission in Formosa is completed", said Dr. Kennedy. "Under favourable conditions we might expect to see a self-functioning Church."

The Moderator was perhaps thinking of economical and political conditions as he spoke of "favourable conditions" — but is there not an element of that, too, that applies to us? Have we thought the matter of overseas missions through carefully to realize fully the present-day trend?

For a century now, Canadians have been "sending" people to the overseas field. Many men and women consecrated to spreading the Gospel to "the uttermost parts of the earth" have gone from this land. Canadian people at home have been conscious in varying degrees of the witness they have made. Now, our "Mission" is completed. The Christian Church in several lands has become indigenous. But what of our commission to our Master? Is it finished?

To-day as we look out on the world about us we know the answer. We have ended a phase of missionary endeavour—we face a future in which the whole of our civilization depends on the faith of the Christian in the way he has been shown by God through Jesus Christ. We must still witness in overseas lands as advisors, as technicians, as teachers, as doctors and nurses. The way is open for many avenues of service in the Christian Church. The modern missionary is one who works with his brother Christian rather than directing him. If the modern missionary is to be successful, he must be supported by his people at home. Missions as never before has become

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Eighty Years In Formosa

DURING the month of February 1952, there is taking place in Formosa, a series of meetings which commemorate a great anniversary in the missionary movement of our Church. In 1872, eighty years ago, George Leslie Mackay began his work on an island whose name, Formosa, means beauty.

Growth of the Christian Church in Formosa

One year after Dr. Mackay arrived in Formosa five converts were baptized and one chapel opened. Within three years the Gospel had been preached in every village of Northern Formosa. When Dr. Mackay died after thirty years' service, there were sixty churches every one of which had a native pastor. To-day the Synod of North Formosa has three Presbyteries with many self-supporting charges. The Tyal people in the mountains of the west coast are proceeding quickly with the building of churches. This work forms a great challenge to our Church in Formosa.

As the mission grew the Christian Formosans took greater and greater responsibility for their church government. In 1940 the missionaries were withdrawn because of the war with Japan. The Formosan Church attained self-government. Last year the two Churches—the North supported by The Presbyterian Church in Canada and the South supported by the English Presbyterian Church, joined to form the First Assembly of the Formosan Church.

It is a changing day in all over-

Tamsui Girls' School

seas missions—and as the Formosan Church celebrates its eightieth anniversary, it looks ahead with faith and with courage to a new era of witnessing—an era which starts with dark clouds hanging above but an era which needs and shall need the very best witness the Christian Church can give.

Tamsui Girls' School

A girls' school was begun on a small scale in 1882. It was reorganized in 1907 by the first Women's Missionary Society workers to Formosa, Misses Kenny and Connell. In 1916 a new school was built and a high school department added. In 1950 the last year for which we had a report, the enrollment was 392. There were twenty-one full-time teachers. It is of interest to note that Household Science is a popular subject. You will remember that Miss Taylor in the December *Glad Tidings* mentioned the art department in the school. In 1950 six of the pupils of that department had pictures chosen to hang in an art exhibition in the Town Hall in Taipeh.

Tamsui Boys' School

When this was begun to give high school education to boys it was popular. There were very few opportunities for senior education. To-day the enrolment is approximately 600. In both these institutions the Bible is taught.

Mackay Memorial Hospital

A hospital was opened in 1912. The W.M.S. has sent nurses and has continued to support it through all these years. It has always been invaluable not only for the help it has given to Formosans in medicine, but also for the great opportunity it affords

Mackay Memorial Hospital

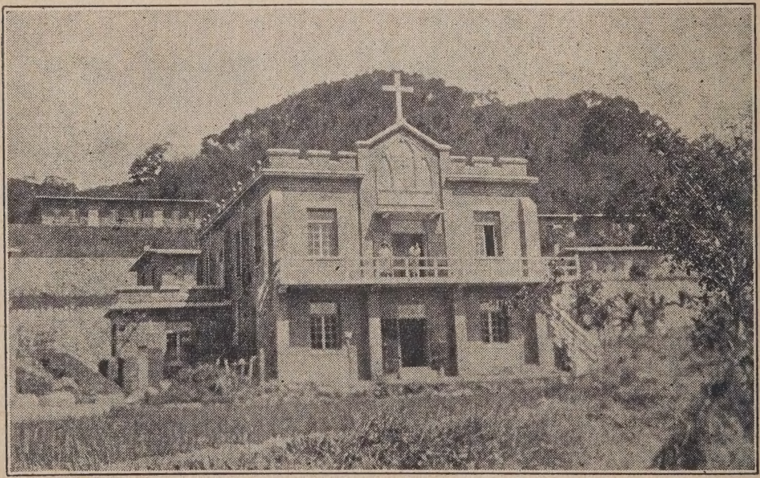
Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M.

for telling the story of Christ's Way and Life.

Happy Mount Leprosy Colony

This institution was started by Dr. Gushue-Taylor. Dr. Taylor in his years in Formosa gave much time and study to alleviation of the suffering of lepers. The hospital was built in 1932 and to-day is a place where sufferers of the disease may go to find healing—if not of the body, at least of the spirit. Those who have visited it from this land say that it is an inspiration—for here is where the message of God's gift of Eternal Life has very real significance.

The printed work may put the growth of a mission into cold statistics and facts. While institutional work has functioned well in Formosa, real growth is shown in the fact that Christianity has become the religion of thousands of Formosan people, despite or per-



Happy Mount Leprosy Colony

Miss Dorothy Douglas

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.

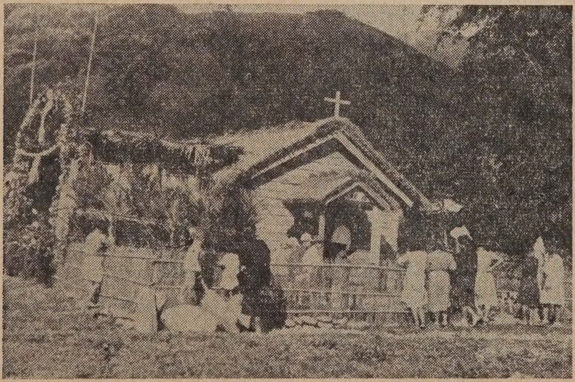
haps particularly because of the many burdens Formosan people have had to bear. For years they were ruled by the Japanese. Today their existence is in constant peril. The Church can do much to help the Formosan people in these days.

W.M.S. Missionaries in Formosa

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.; Miss Dorothy Douglas, and Miss Isabel Taylor, A.T.C.M., are at present on the Formosan staff as W.M.S. Missionaries.

Missionaries Under General Board of Missions

Rev. and Mrs. J. I. Dickson; Dr. and Mrs. George W. Mackay; Dr. and Mrs. H. A. MacMillan; Rev. and Mrs. L. L. de Groot are missionaries under the General Board of Missions of the Church.



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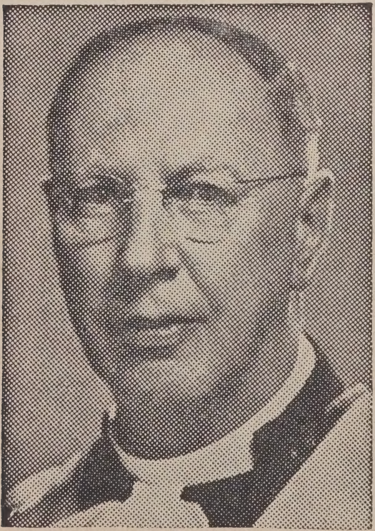
The Voice Of The Eightieth Anniversary

THE Moderator of the General Assembly, Reverend Norman D. Kennedy, M.C., M.A., D.D. has recently returned from a government-sponsored trip to Korea and Japan. While in the East, Dr. Kennedy went to Formosa as the representative of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, to inaugurate the celebrations commemorating the eightieth anniversary of the beginning of missionary work by our Church on that beautiful island. Dr. Kennedy allowed an interview to *The Glad Tidings* and we know you will be interested in hearing his impressions of the work there.

"I was the voice of the Eightieth Anniversary and inaugurated the celebrations at a special service held in Bankah Presbyterian Church, Taipeh", said the Moderator. Bankah Church was the first church organized in North Formosa under the mission of our Church. Now it is a flourishing church, one of the largest on the Island. (You will recall that Dr. MacMillan told about it in an article in December *Glad Tidings*).



Dr. N. D. Kennedy

Dr. Kennedy stated that the Synod of North Formosa was taking this anniversary time as an occasion for a great revival in the Church in Formosa. Asked how the people, particularly the younger people regarded the Christian Church in these days, Dr. Kennedy stated that he thought that the Church had a great opportunity in Formosa. The young people are losing faith in the older religions. The perilous situation under which they have been living for several years, the fact that the future promises little in political or economic security has sharpened the minds of the Formosan people to their spiritual needs. Dr. Kennedy feels that one of the best ways of helping them in these days is to train nationals who will be able to give leadership in their country in many professions and trades. There is little opportunity on the Island for higher education. At one time young Formosans went to Japan, but Japan is not as available to them to-day. The Chinese government is interested in the education of Formosan youth but lacks the means to provide it. The Moderator said that he felt that the education of young Formosan people, particularly young women, would help to put women in a much more equal position with men. Thus far in the growth of the Christian religion among the Formosans, the equalizing of all God's children has not reached its full potential.

"What has been done by our Church in Formosa is an achievement of eighty years. Now the work of the *mission* has been completed. Under favourable conditions, we might expect to see a self-functioning church giving its own witness in Formosa and even planning its own missionary work. For certain practical reasons the presence of missionaries is still highly necessary. They should not be withdrawn until conditions justify."

Dr. Kennedy's impressions of the work being done in Formosa were very encouraging. Much has been accomplished there, but there remains much to be done. He did seem to feel that the effectiveness of our work there in the future would be relative to our willingness to move with the times as well as the sincerity of the sense of mission both on the parts of the missionary and those responsible for sending the missionary.

The Canadian Delegation To The 80th Anniversary In Formosa

MISS Laura K. Pelton, Executive Secretary for Overseas Missions for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), Rev. G. D. Johnston, M.B.E., M.A., Chairman of the General Board of Missions of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. W. A. Cameron, D.D., Executive Secretary for Overseas Missions, have been sent as representatives from the Canadian Presbyterian Church to take part in the services attending the celebration of the eightieth year of our Church's Mission in Formosa. They will bear the greetings from the Canadian people who are happy in the celebration of this special event.

They will be consulting with the

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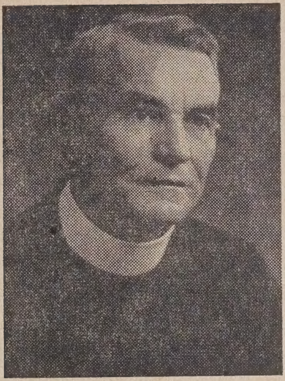

Dr. W. A. Cameron

Miss L. K. Pelton

Mission Council in Formosa concerning future plans for missionary work in that land.

Dr. Cameron left ahead of the others in order to pay a visit to Japan. We will be looking forward to hearing first hand knowledge of both Formosa and Japan from our representatives when they return from this flying visit.

Introducing Margaret and Carol

MISS Pelton has told you of the official policy of our Society on the training of students from other countries. Now we would like to introduce the two young ladies from Formosa. Several months ago they landed in this country, each one travelling by herself for the technicalities of travelling made it impossible to arrange for them to travel together. Lim Fiok-Kheng, whom we call Margaret and Hoai-tek Chiam, Carol, two very attractive young Formosan women left their beautiful homeland with its very temperate climate to come to Canada by air. Within hours numbering scarcely more than a day they were in Edmonton. Carol landed in a snow storm. Since then they have been enrolled in their courses and have become a part of the life at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. It is quite possible that they have found our climate rather forbidding and cold but they have been warmly received by young people in Toronto.

Margaret was the first to arrive. Her main studies in Canada will be music. Right now she is studying piano and theory at the Royal Conservatory of Music. This month she tries two examinations, both in theory. Though she has never studied parts of the course before, her teacher feels she has made great progress in the time she has been here. She has one examination to pass before she can work on her A.R.C.T.

Margaret was born in a little fishing village in the most southerly part of the island. It is the place where the first Church was built which means that it was a part of the English Presbyterian Church. Her father is a doctor. Both parents are very fine Christian people and leaders in their Church. Margaret's mother is a deacon or manager in her church and her father is an elder. Margaret became acquainted with the music course in the Tamsui Girls' School when she attended a Young People's conference. She decided to enroll in the music course and studied in Tamsui for three years then went back to take post graduate work under Miss Taylor and the head of the music department, Su-ti Tan. She was at the same time a member of staff having junior piano pupils under her care. Now she has this opportunity to take studies which will enable her to return to her homeland to give great assistance in the educational and cultural life of Formosa.

From left to right: Margaret, Miss Isabel Taylor and Carol

Carol's birthplace is Taichung in North Formosa. Her father was a graduate of Taiwan Theological College but served but a short time before his death. Her widowed mother has supported herself and Carol by teaching in a girls' school and by teaching music lessons. Carol was a pupil at the Tamsui School where she majored in music. She is studying in the deaconess course and taking piano lessons. She too, hopes to take part in the educational life of her homeland.

Both of these young ladies are twenty years of age. They are both enthusiastically anxious to serve their Church and their Lord and Master. The W.M.S. is this year responsible for the tuition fees only, of these girls. The family of each has sacrificed much to pay their transportation and their board for at least one year in this country. Carol proudly told us that her mother and her mother's friends earned her passage money by giving a number of piano recitals. Carol also took part in these recitals. It is our hope that these young people will find their stay in this country worth while. M.E.W.

National Christians Training In Canada

INCREASINGLY people of the Christian Church all over the world realize themselves as a fellowship, mutually responsible for one another. It is in the spirit of such fellowship that our Society has set out a definite policy of bringing nationals to Canada for advanced training for service in the Church of their respective countries.

At present we have three young women from the Orient; one here studying music that she may return and do a real job of church music in her church, leading choirs and possibly doing some transposing. Another is training to go back to her people to work with Sunday Schools, women's groups and children's groups. A third hopes to return to her country to give leadership in Christian Education.

In accord with this policy we made it possible for a Korean student to remain an extra year in Canada, studying theology. He has returned to his Korean Church in Japan much better equipped and qualified to lead his people.

In pursuing this policy we believe we are doing two things in addition to being true to the witness of the Christian fellowship. We are learning more and more about the Church in these lands from which the students come and we are enabling them to learn more of other parts of the Church and to obtain a new insight into the paradox of the diversity of man's responsibility in his worship of God and the unity of the Christian fellowship. They are learning much of the western world which enables them to understand more sympathetically our weaknesses and frailties toward which at a distance they can be ultra-critical.

L.K.P.

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a personal responsibility for each of us whether we be on a mission field or a contributor to the missionary cause. We must study to know the modern need in missions —we must pray for God's guidance, as a person, as a Church and as a nation, that we may be fit instruments for a great task. We must go if God's call comes to us to serve.

We think of Formosa to-day with thankful hearts but God who promised us that He would give His power to His disciples, is calling us to use it—and use it now—wholly and with no thought of selfish gain —to our person, to our Church or to our nation. Our mission is completed and it has just begun. Let us all take part in the great service of Christian witness now taking place across the Pacific—praying for God's blessing on His Church there and in Canada and in all parts of the world.

Organizations — Executive Staff

LAST month we gave you a word and visual picture of the organizations secretaries on Council Executive. Mrs. Adamson, Miss McClelland, Miss Haw, Mrs. Keefer and Mrs. Wallace are keenly interested in Senior Auxiliaries—both afternoon and evening, Young Women's, Girls' and Children's groups. Council Executive Secretaries of the Young Women's, Girls' and Children's departments have executive secretaries to help carry out the plans made at Council and by Council Executive, for organizing, and for carrying on the programme of their groups. You have met them all through these pages before. Many of you have met them personally as they have travelled throughout the country to give help and inspiration to leaders and group members.

Miss Grace Irvine forms a team with Miss Ellen Haw to do young women's work. Miss Irvine has been on our staff for two years. A former deaconess, she studied Christian Education for two years at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago. She has recently completed a trip to Western Canada where she met young women's groups in the four western provinces.

Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., works with Mrs. Keefer in the share of girls' work which the W.M.S. now assumes. Miss Bricker, a graduate of Victoria College, University of Toronto, and of the Ontario College of Education, has taught in secondary and private schools in Ontario and Quebec. She, too, has just completed a field trip—her first in Western Canada. Canadian Girls In Training groups form a large majority of the girls' work over which Miss Bricker has direc-

John Palmer

Miss Grace Irvine

Miss Helen Bricker, B.A.

John Palmer
Miss Lily Macarthur

tion. This unique national movement for Canadian girls has a programme which if it is properly conducted, begins with and remains under the supervision of the Church. Miss Bricker and Mrs. Keefer both have much to do with the planning of the C.G.I.T. programme in co-operation with other denominations interested in providing a well-rounded, Church-centred programme for teen-age girls. Miss Bricker is the author of the Presbyterian Mission Study for 1952 *Southern Lights.*

Miss Lily Macarthur—Miss Macarthur is a well-known and well-loved worker in the children's field. With Mrs. Wallace, Miss Macarthur and Miss Moodie form an effective trio, deeply interested in and consecrated to the Christian education of children. Miss Macarthur is a graduate of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School and served the Society for some years as a deaconess in various parts of this land. She is the author of the mission study guide for junior children, *Off To Brazil.*

Miss Elizabeth Moodie — Miss Moodie joined the W.M.S. staff in 1950. A native of British Columbia, she calls New Westminster home. She has specialized in children's work, through study at Normal Schools in both British Columbia and Ontario. She taught school in both provinces—in Ontario she was first on Exchange, then remained a second year in order to complete studies in Kindergarten-Primary technique. Always interested in the work of the Presbyterian Church, Miss Moodie elected to devote her talents to its service in children's work. She prepared the mission study guide for primary children, *The Children Downstairs.*

Miss Elizabeth Moodie

How Your Missionary Dollar is Spent in 1952

WHAT happens to the money you contribute for the work of your Women's Missionary Society? In 1952 each dollar you give will be distributed as follows, based on our present estimates for this year:—

38c will go Overseas—

- 22½c to India to operate Mobile Medical Clinics; for educational and evangelistic work; M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home; Salaries of 14 missionaries; Co-operative Hospital work.
- 5½c to Taiwan: salaries of 4 missionaries; to operate Tamsui Girls' School; Biblewomen; Music.
- 2c to South America for British Guiana and Brazil: salaries of 3 missionaries; evangelistic work; partial support of General Secretary of Student Christian Movement in Brazil.
- ½c to Japan: for Biblewomen and kindergarten work among the Koreans.
- 1c for the Training and support in Canada of 4 Nationals.
- 3½c for 3 New Missionaries, 1 to Japan, 1 to India and 1 to Taiwan.
- 2c for expenses of 6 missionaries on furlough including travel, studies, medical, etc.
- 1c for miscellaneous expenses.

5½c will be spent for *Christian Literature* in Canada and Overseas; and for *Grants* in Canada and Overseas, such as "Canadian School of Missions" and "Orphan Missions", etc.

56½c will be spent in Canada—

- 7c for our work among Chinese.
- 6c for Indian Residential Schools, including supplies.
- 2½c for Children's and Youth Work in Montreal and Vancouver.
- 4½c for Deaconesses, including operation of 3 Vans, and part-time workers.
- 3c for our 4 Hospital Visitors.
- 1c for Immigration work, including our Port Receptionist.
- 2c for National Advance and contingencies.
- 6½c for Publications, including salaries; free literature and leaflets; Annual Report, etc.
- 10c for Organization: salaries and travelling expenses of Regional and National Secretaries; Camps and Grants to Synodicals.
- 10c for Administration of Society's Work: salaries of office staff and Executive Secretaries; rent; auditing; general expenses connected with an office; Life Membership.
- 1c for Council Meeting.
- 3c for miscellaneous such as Insurance and Taxes on W.M.S. property; Visual Education; Students and Candidates; General Contingency.

(MRS. G. R.) RUTH E. PYE

Report of Panel and Group Discussion at Council Meeting 1951

ONE fertile source of spreading information and increasing interest in our W.M.S. field of service is the annual meeting of our groups on all levels, congregational, Presbyterial, Synodical and Council. How these might be made more helpful was one of the subjects under discussion at the last Council Meeting. With the hope that it might be found useful to Presbyterials and Synodicals in planning their annual meetings the following account of the discussion plan at Council is given.

A considerable part of the time of the Council was given to conference in the form of panel and group discussion as well as that in the full meeting. This was done with deliberate intent, the aim being to draw expressions of opinion and conclusions from the delegates as to the most pressing needs of our work as they saw them.

We have had panel presentations before at the Council Meeting but never one like this in its planning, execution and outcome.

Two questions—"What suggestions have Synodicals for more effective co-operation between Council Executive and Synodical Executives?"; "From information gathered from within the bounds of your Synodical what are the chief difficulties and obstacles encountered by your groups in their efforts to procure new members and new organizations?", were sent well ahead of time to the Synodical presidents, asking them to come prepared to answer them, five minutes being allowed for each answer. This filled the whole of the Wednesday morning session. A Findings Committee of four had been appointed and instructed:

1. To pick up the points brought out in the panel and relay them to the appropriate group conference on Wednesday afternoon for further discussion.

2. To follow the points through the conferences and report to the Council the conclusions reached or direct to further discussion on Friday afternoon.

3. To pick up points, other than those from the panel brought out in the conferences and report them to the Council on Friday afternoon.

On Wednesday afternoon the Council was divided into two groups each delegate having been assigned to one or other group: Group One: How to obtain the maximum benefit from our Field Staff; Group Two: *The Glad Tidings,* Study and Literature, The Annual Report. To Group One went also the following points from the panel: The Synodical Presidents would like:

1. Information in good time from Council Executive regarding

movements of missionaries and field staff and Council Executive delegations to Synodicals.

2. To be at least consulted if not to plan itineraries of regional secretaries.

3. To be consulted when new work in the Synodical is being considered.

4. Co-ordination and simplification of organizations within the congregation.

Discussion was free and the delegates were so much interested in their special subject that there was no time to consider the points from the panel.

Group Two having received no points from the panel was free to devote all the time to the subjects assigned and several worthwhile points and suggestions were made:

One member said she had found practically unqualified praise for the *Tidings* but suggested that there might be some articles of missionary indoctrination and something on the purpose of the Women's Missionary Society and its reason for being, directed at those who do not know the Society.

The feeling was that the Auxiliaries page, the Young Women's page, the Girls' Organizations page and the Children's Department page are very helpful. In connection with the Auxiliaries page it was suggested that there might be an article or series of articles on the organization of the Society. The children's page might carry some help in organizing Mission Bands or Explorer Groups.

In response to a question as to the cost of *The Glad Tidings* in comparison to the *Record,* it was pointed out that the *Record* has a higher circulation and they carry advertising.

Dr. Cameron answered the request for a Daily Prayer by saying that the Church has provided for this in *Every Day.*

Miss Reith said she felt perhaps the use of supplementary books at the meetings was being overemphasized. The concern is to get them circulating among the members of the Auxiliaries, among the Home Helpers and among people in the congregations. We tend to use them for people interested in missions and not to interest people in missions.

One Auxiliary member said that the Auxiliary to which she belonged was divided into circles with one meeting taken by each circle. Each group has one of the supplementary books and these are passed around so that each member has a chance to read one book in a year.

The question was asked—Could the Annual Report be sent out from the office? Miss Whale explained that this would mean the making up of a mailing list that would add considerable cost to the Report. The ideal way is to mail them from the Presbyterial if they cannot be delivered right away. Reports in some cases are being given to the Senior Auxiliaries and they are not being handed to the other groups. The two that go into each Auxiliary should be shared with members of the Auxiliary.

What use is made of the Annual Report. An entire meeting can be devoted to it. One Auxiliary did this, calling their meeting "A Look At The Society". Different members read bits from some of the reports.

On Thursday afternoon there was an open conference for the whole delegation to consider:

1. The purpose and imperatives of annual meetings in Synodical, Presbyterial and congregational groups.

2. Women's Missionary Society groups in the life of the congregation.

3. From the panel: Co-ordination and simplification of organizations within the congregation. The discussion at this open conference of the individual delegation was neither free nor particularly helpful. The point from the panel was not discussed.

The report of the Findings Committee was given on Friday afternoon. In addition to the suggestions from Group Two, above, the unanimous decision from Group One was that the Society must provide more regional secretaries and deaconesses.

It was recommended in the full Council on Friday afternoon that the Council Executive give sympathetic consideration to the desire on the part of Synodicals for information re movements of delegations and consultation between Synodical and Council Executive regarding itineraries of field staff.

Looking back over these discussion periods some facts emerge:

1. Discussion in small groups is more effective than in the full Council.

2. Concentrate on a *few* problems, so that there may be time to evolve solutions.

Dr. W. A. Cameron, out of much experience of mission conferences and annual meetings spoke with enthusiastic approval of the discussion sessions pronouncing them to be well worth the time given to them. In order that your members may get the maximum from your annual meeting, why not have a carefully planned discussion session using the above outline as a guide, adapting it to suit the conditions of your meeting?

(MRS. J. G.) ALICE INKSTER

It is estimated that four million people in Korea have been driven out of their homes and have lost everything. About two hundred thousand of these are Christians. Among them are about four hundred ordained pastors and their families, and five or six hundred unordained Church workers. About four hundred families of ministers have lost their lives.

World Church News

A Day Spent In Roadside Clinics

BY ISABEL McCONNELL, REG.N.

AMONG the many activities of the Christian Medical College Hospital, Roadside Clinics play a very important part. In interest and importance it could be listed as one of the most beneficial departments. This work is carried on by doctors, their assistants, nurses and representatives from the evangelistic work of the Hospital.

With a view of taking charge of a Mobile Unit in Central India in the near future it seemed advisable for me to find out how this type of work was done from a large centre like this Hospital. Two Mobile Units go out to nearby villages each week, one under the leadership of Dr. Ida B. Scudder, niece of the founder of the Hospital and College, and one of the doctors from another department. As Friday was the most convenient day for me to leave my own work and join the group Dr. Ida B. said she would be very glad to have me. She said, "Be prepared to be about half killed as we have been seeing over 500 patients in the past weeks." We were supposed to leave the hospital at 8.30 a.m. but by the time all the various equipment was stored away in the blue bus or ambulance it was 9 a.m. It was most interesting to see the various articles of equipment being loaded: Medicines of all descriptions, dressing trays neatly covered with protective covering, hypodermic trays also well protected from the dust, cartons containing tins of powdered milk, packages of beans, lentils, rice and other articles of food stuffs from the "Care" parcels which are sent out by people in the United States, folding tables, folding stools, drums with dressings and various other necessary articles, not to mention the lunch kits of those who were part of the unit. When all the 'Saman' was stored away the different members of the unit found seats and soon we were on our way. The group consisted of Dr. Scudder, two young interns, staff nurse, fourth-year medical student, Biblewoman, compounder and his wife, an 'injector' (an arrested case of leprosy who had been trained to give injections to those

Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N.

patients who were suffering from leprosy). We started off very happily and the different regular members of the group began to tell me how much they liked the work but that it was very hard. We drove through some very delightful bits of country. One could easily have imagined it was a Hill station had it not been for the extreme heat. Vellore is surrounded by some very lovely hills which add to its beauty. Our first stop was at a village called Oossur. As we approached the stage where the ambulance stopped, the crowd was like a huge one waiting for a bus in any large city. They were waiting with expectation for the bus from Vellore which would bring relief to many of them. We were told that there would not be many because it was a festival day. The question in my mind along the way was, do they take out all this equipment at every stop? That was exactly what they did. As soon as we stopped the driver began to take out tables, and each person took out the different things they would want and need. Dr. Ida B. said we would work at a table as she wanted me to serve the powdered milk, cod liver oil and vitamin pills. She had her milk register and there were many who had been coming for a long time and who had greatly benefited by the extras they were receiving. "No tin, no milk and the tin must have a lid" was the order that was given to me. A few children came without the tin as they wanted to get another one but when they were not successful they soon produced the tin. We were absolutely mobbed in a short time as every one wanted to be seen at once. Dr. Ida B. said she would resort to her regular method of seeing people from the front seat in the bus. Of course, everyone wanted to see her in spite of the

A Roadside Clinic in Central India

fact that the two Interns were sitting at a table nearby. Many new names were added to the 'milk register' that day and the new patients received a nice tin with a lid on it. There was not time to hear the history of many of the patients but the doctor told me about several of the patients and gave me a picture of what their condition had been before they came to the clinics. Many of them had really been saved from starvation, and how grateful they were. After the milk had been distributed there were many patients to be seen and prescribed for. Dr. Scudder saw them and gave them their little 'chit' and the medicine they were to have. The compounder filled in the orders for the medicine whether it was pills, powder, ointments, or medicines to drink, all needs were met. While many of the patients were being seen the motor driver was entering all the names of the patients suffering from leprosy and they passed on to the 'injector' who gave them their injection. When treatments had to be done they went to the nurse who took care of their wounds. With good team work it was wonderful how quickly the crowd was dealt with. We had about 120 patients at the first village. Because of getting through earlier than usual, and knowing the people at the next village would not all be there we stopped under a very lovely tree to have some refreshment. There was a greater demand for water than for food although it seemed to disappear very quickly. The short stop for food was a relaxation too. Before leaving the spot quite a group of children had gathered and as the doctor came along they wanted to know if her dog was not going to dance for them. Apparently this was a weekly performance which gave the children much enjoyment.

We were soon on our way again and before very long had come to the next stop. Those who attended weekly said there was a very big crowd there in spite of the festival. Some of the patients looked more prosperous at this place. As soon as we were all out of the bus the Biblewoman prayed for God's blessing on the work and that by this means of spreading the Gospel many might come to know Him. After prayer she gathered the women and children together and gave them the Gospel in pictures. How one wished Hindi had been the language in that area, but it was not. Many of the patients were so happy to report improvement in their condition and many of the women wanted injections, they looked as if they needed them too. Dr. Ida B. told me about a gift she had received from a lady who had spent a day on the roadside with her some weeks previously; the gift was sent to buy injections for those who needed them and could not pay for them. As she told about the gift one could almost feel the relief in her voice—to know that she had a whole box of liver injections for use meant so much to these women. Each stop was repetition of a parade of suffering humanity. Some of the sights were heart-breaking. I was amazed to find so many patients suffering from leprosy and was told that on the other Roadside Clinics there were very many more. It is not possible for me to adequately picture the pathetic sights we saw, nor is it necessary as the districts were just full of them. There were many bright spots too, and Dr. Scudder told me about many of these patients it was a joy to realize how much good was being done from these clinics. The people were always there.

The work went on without a break until we had covered five villages. Of course, the people came from many more villages but they knew where the ambulance would stop and they were there. Some of the patients were brought in carts and were patiently waiting when we arrived. The work went on steadily, injections were given, treatments were done, new patients were seen and the milk powder was distributed. Some of the children began taking the powder as it was, so we knew they were getting the much needed protein. We mixed the milk for many of the older people who could hardly crawl along. One old lady was told that if she came where the Hospital van stopped she would get food, we had only milk to give her at that stage as all the rice and beans had been given out. Most of the South India people feel they have not had a real meal if they do not get rice so there is a pathetic cry these days for rice, but the shortage seems to be greater.

I cannot close this article without telling you about Convocation at the University of Madras. Our second class of students were to receive the B.Sc. degree in Nursing. I had promised the girls for a long time that I would be present to see them get their degrees. Miss MacMurchy was in Vellore as the delegate from our Mission to attend Council. As many of you know, there are about forty contributing Missions on Vellore Council and ours is one of them. As Miss MacMurchy was leaving Vellore on the 23rd we decided it would be nice if she could attend Convocation too. We were up at 4 a.m. as we were to go to Madras by train. We did some shopping and at 2.45 went over to Senate House to meet the students. They arrived at 3 p.m. all ready in their gowns and hoods—each College had their own colours. It was quite a sight to see so many of India's young people assembled to receive their degrees. As we had not received tickets for seats we were led up to the balcony which was just in front of the Syndicate room. All were in readiness waiting for the arrival of the Governor of Madras. He arrived accompanied by the Maharani, and was received by the Vice-Chancellor Sir A. Lakshmanaswami Mudiliar. After inspecting a guard of honour the Governor, who is Chancellor, came up to the Syndicate room proceeded by the Pro-Chancellor, the Minister of Education, and his own officers who are always with the Governor. In the Syndicate room were assembled Presidents of different Faculties and members of the Senate. They all lined up in procession and walked through the large hall and took their seats on the dais. The Chancellor administered the convocation oaths to the students and the respective degrees were conferred on them. All the candidates were presented and they rose in their seats as their names were called. Only those who received medals and prizes went forward to the dais. The Pro-Chancellor gave the Convocation address. It was a sight I was glad to see as it was most colourful and dignified. Some of the robes were gorgeous. The Governor in his purple velvet and gold with a matching turban, the Pro-Chancellor in his purple and gold silk robes and beautiful turban, and the Vice-Chancellor in his purple and silver robes and matching turban, looked very royal indeed. The representatives from the different colleges lent much rich colour to the procession as they went forward in their reds, blues, maroons, whites with coloured borders. It was reported that over 4,000 students received their degrees. Our girls were very happy but very tired as they came from the Senate House. It was midnight when we got back to Vellore. There were about twelve of our Medical students there too. Monday finished the Graduation exercises for the Medical students at the College. Our nurses graduate with them too, and later they will graduate with all our Nursing students.

Buckingham Palace

August 8, 1951

Dear Sir Henry:

The Queen has read with interest of the developments and value of the Vellore Christian Medical College and has commanded me to send you a donation to mark her Majesty's sympathy with a work which is devoted to the service of others, and to the promotion of Christian ideals.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Penn

Treasurer to The Queen.

Sir Henry Holland, C.I.E., F.R.C.S.,
Annandale,
North End Road,
London, N.W. 11.

Sir Henry Holland is chairman of Friends of Vellore in Great Britain.

Women's Inter-Church Council

THIS is the month in which we are privileged to observe the World Day of Prayer. We are reminded that it is the Women's Inter-Church Council that sponsors this service in Canada. Some weeks ago, the Council had its annual meeting. Through its reports it was shown again the splendid work being done by these people particularly through Christian Literature.

Presbyterians were personally interested in the annual meeting this year. First because the new President is Mrs. J. G. Inkster, a Vice-President of our Council Executive. This year the Council paid tribute to Miss Bessie MacMurchy, who has served as Treasurer of the organization for the past thirty years. Miss MacMurchy has served on our W.M.S. Council Executive for many years in various offices. She was presented with a gift on behalf of the Council by Mrs. Inkster and Mrs. Kilgour, the retiring President. The third reason we were proud of the Presbyterian share in the work of this inter-church organization of women is that a leaflet *What Your Money Does* was written by Mrs. A. R. McMurrich also a Vice-President of our Council Executive.

Mrs. J. G. Inkster, newly elected President (on right) making the presentation to Miss MacMurchy.

World Day of Prayer Broadcast

A C.B.C. Trans-Canada broadcast will be heard **Thursday, February 28th from 2.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.**

Speaker—Mrs. Ellen Fairclough, M.P.

Assisting in the service, **Mrs. J. G. Inkster,** President Women's Inter-Church Council, and Mrs. James Laughland, President of The Woman's Missionary Society of The United Church of Canada.

"The Voice Of Prayer Is Never Silent, Nor Dies The Strain Of Praise Away"

BY MRS. A. ROGER SELF

Reviewing the World Day of Prayer 1951.

LOOKING back over the past year we realize that in many ways this has been a very special year, for there were at least two "firsts" in it. For the first time the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada had its own headquarters and office at 97 St. George Street, Toronto, and for the first time all the services for the World Day of Prayer were sent out from the Council Office across Canada.

From all parts of Canada, from Gander in Newfoundland to Thetis Island, B.C., where they have only two mail days a week, letters gave us a glimpse of the wide range of age groups covered by the World Day of Prayer. From a home for Aged People we read: "While there are seventy of us here and it is lovely in every way, yet there is no large room where there is complete privacy to hold a meeting. The rotunda is public and not free from interruptions, so I thought we might have little groups in our separate rooms. Please send as many services as the enclosed will cover." From a girls' group: "Please send 25 copies of the World Day of Prayer Service for Girls. I saw a notice in the Canadian Guider and as we meet on Fridays I was very anxious to observe the Day at our Brownie meeting on February 9th."

"The voice of prayer is never silent nor dies the strain of praise away" really meant something. We could see the tiny groups meeting in homes, in small churches or Halls, or the larger city gatherings of several hundreds not only in Canada but throughout the world joining with us their voices in prayer and praise. What a privilege to have had a share in such a great company!

Let us see how the Day was spent in other lands. At 8.30 a.m. in the Methodist Indian Church in Suva, Fiji, women of many nationalities met in prayer. The service was used in Hindi, Telugu, English and Fijian. In the afternoon another service was held in the Fijian Church and in the evening in the Presbyterian Church.

A letter from the Congo tells something of how the day was kept in that part of Africa. "As the special day dawned a number of the Christian women gathered in the church to commence the World Day of Prayer, specially remembering those who would be gathering on this day to pray on behalf of their sisters all over the world. From the meeting a group of women were chosen to go out two by two into the nearby villages, inviting women to the afternoon service." . . .

From New South Wales, Australia, we hear that a most encouraging gathering was held for the first time in Mosman. All the local Protestant Churches were represented and about 200 women present. In Hong Kong, the service was held in the Cathedral. It was a lovely setting and a most impressive service and we can imagine how the China missionaries in that gathering would be remembering their Chinese brethren and feel close to them through prayer.

In South Santo, New Hebrides, we are told "The women's meeting took place in the afternoon; in the morning the monthly village prayer meeting was held and with representatives present from seven other villages the little church was crowded and there were quite a number of folk standing or sitting outside; the open part of the walls enabled them to hear everything that went on inside quite easily. In the afternoon the bell was rung—the bell is an old oxygen cylinder with is struck with a piece of iron or a big bolt—and the women began to come in for their meeting taking their places quietly until the church was almost full. This year, we followed the set order of service much more closely than we have ever done before; that gave us an added sense of our oneness with the world's Christian womanhood. Eight villages of the district were represented and the Institute girls added representation from the Islands to the south — Panama, Tongoa and Tanna were all there."

"When preparations for the World Day of Prayer became known to our W.A. group of St. John's in the Wilderness, Palampur, East Punjab, they decided that this year they too would join in prayer with the women throughout the world. They obtained some copies of the service in Hindi and one member transcribed these into Roman Script, as many of our north Indian people still do not read nor understand Hindi well. Dr. Hanson, our hospital doctor, was to be the leader, but at the last moment she was called out on a case, and, so in a flurry of excitement and shyness, the women themselves took charge. Being a new experiment in a not too familiar language, the atmosphere was somewhat tense at first. But we felt that God was with us and afterwards the ladies expressed a desire to continue to support the World Day of Prayer in the years to come."

In Canada each year new links are added in the chain of prayer. Lindsay reports holding a Service of Worship for Girls—their first attempt at having the girls of the town gather together. From Terrace Bay, Ontario, comes word that this year is the first time such a service has been held in this new town.

Letters from Newcastle (New

Brunswick), Clarksburg, Smooth Rock Falls, Moorefield, and Haliburton and district were among the many which mentioned the extremely cold weather. Smooth Rock Falls had a temperature of 28 below zero and a storm, however 38 women braved the elements and participated in a most helpful service. At this meeting a newly organized International group served tea. There were forty women present at the Chinese women's meeting in Vancouver. Marquette, Manitoba, tells us "We are a rural community and we contact all the ladies of the community. Today—despite drifting roads and a blizzard blowing—several husbands took their cars and filled them with interested ladies and we journeyed several miles to the home of one of the ladies. We were thirty in number and twelve beside the pianist took part. At Dawson it was 53 below with a wind blowing!"

In the North West Territories we heard from Yellowknife that there "was an attendance of 90 ladies and the church was filled to capacity with the exception of four choir seats!"

In another gathering the address was given by the minister's wife of the Dutch Reformed Church. In Courtland, Ont. "there were 25 present, one lady who had recently arrived from Germany taking part in her own language. She was made to understand in regard to the meeting through the help of her son (a public school boy) and motions."

As has been the custom in Rundle Church, Banff, Alberta, for 23 years the World Day of Prayer was observed by the Church women as a day of intercessory prayer from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. A fifteen minute period of prayer and worship is taken by each of the leaders. In the afternoon an hour long service is held.

The offering this year amounted to $26,676.89 an increase over last year of about $3,000.00 consequently we were able to increase many of our grants of previous years and add some new ones in response to requests for Christian Literature and other urgent needs.

The grant to the Bible Society of Pakistan will meet with the approval of many, and the gift to Union Christian College, Travancore, South India, for Christian Literature for the library. In Latin America for the Student Christian Movement in South America and for the training of Nationals in writing Christian Literature, a grant is being given this year for the first time. Also in co-operative work in Canada, a grant to the Student Christian Movement in Canada, and to the Czecho-Slovakian paper, Toronto, has been made possible by increased givings.

The Czecho-Slovak paper "Cests Zivora" writes "on behalf of the 2,000 readers of our paper, I wish to express our most cordial thanks for the interest you have shown in this new enterprise in the Canadian Christian life and for the generous grant of $100. aiding the publication of it. We also wish to thank you for your prayers which we certainly need very much if the paper is to fulfil its task—to glorify Christ among our Czecho-Slovakian newcomers to Canada."

From the Upper Canada Tract Society come "the grateful thanks of the Board of Directors for the exceedingly generous gift for our work among Sailors on the Great Lakes. It is by the loyal and generous support of our friends that the work on the Welland Canal has been maintained since 1868 and the Royal Arthur Sailors' Institute in Port Arthur since 1912. The work of our missionaries was never more effective than it is today." And from the Committee on Christian Literature for Women and Children we heard "we shall be glad to appropriate $200. of this grant toward the training of nationals in writing Christian Literature (in Latin America). We are so happy you left the distribution of the rest of the amount in the hands of our Committee and assure you that we shall invest the amount in the publication of magazines for Women and Children. With deep appreciation for your interest and assurance of our real stewardship in administration."

The Committee on Co-operation in Latin America writes "We are very much in need of funds for our literature enterprise. At our Annual Meeting Professor Camargo made a special appeal for the under girding of the 2 union publishing houses in Latin America under interdenominational auspices. The big project, this year however, will be to obtain funds to publish the new Sunday-school curriculum."

So we conclude once more another World Day of Prayer and with the words of the Hebrew prayer ringing in our ears "We hush our very hearts to silence as we wait for Thy word. Unless the whisper of Thy guiding voice be clearly heard and heeded in the inmost shrine of our hearts, we lose our way, our purpose, our peace," we go forward toward another Day of Prayer. The theme for 1952 is "Christ, Our Hope", and the Day will be observed on Friday, February 29th, 1952.

. . . White country churches rising from the sod.
Symbols they stand, of mankind's daily need;
The urgent need to pray, the need to praise.
Without their altars men grow blind indeed,
And grope bewildered down unlighted ways.

—Grace Noll Crowell.

Every Nation Under God

EVERY nation under God was the theme of the annual meeting of The Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of The Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Over three hundred men and women from all parts of the U.S.A. and from Central Canada and representing many Protestant denominations, registered at the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Ontario, to discuss the world-wide implications of Christian missions, under a theme which was a constant reminder of the goal that Christ set before us. For four days, mission secretaries, missionaries on furlough, leaders of younger churches in several lands and lay visitors, heard many aspects of overseas missions discussed. Such a conference in such a time as this must needs be heart-searching. As we heard of the condition of the Church in the various parts of the world—as we heard of the enemies of the Church and the difficulties that were being faced by missionaries of the Gospel and by National Christians, we realized that we, today are far from fulfilling the Master's command to His disciples. Mistakes have been made and are being made, but more and more it was apparent that the Protestant communions in North America must shoulder the burden together—seeking with God's guidance to

Reverend William Barclay, D.D.
President of the Canadian Council of Churches welcomes Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, President, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., to the Division of Foreign Missions Meeting.

run the race that is set before us as He would have us do.

In the next few issues of *The Glad Tidings,* we would like to share some of the ideas, some of the discussion of these sessions. We would like you, Presbyterian members of the missionary movement, to see yourselves as part of a great army of the Master's, marching shoulder to shoulder with men and women of all races, under His banner and at His command, until the light dawn of that day when we can make true the theme of these meetings: Every Nation Under God.

Keynote Address — Tracey K. Jones, Jr., a former missionary to China under the Methodist Church, gave the keynote address. He pictured the barriers that exist between the Christian missionary and its goal of bringing every nation under God. Then he pointed to the way we must go to overcome the barriers—the way that is armed with the knowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord.

Mr. Jones sees us living in a day of great migration—a migration moving between two worlds, one dead, one struggling to be born. In this modern life of ours there are many explosions. There are causes for them. For example there exists in the world a mixture of sullen discontent and hope. The explosive element is hope—a hope that has been sifting down through generations that you literally can break the bondage that holds you down.

There is a mixture of envy and contempt. The explosive element is contempt—contempt for the West which is supposed to be great and moral yet has in this last fifty years had two great wars. It allows a type of movies and literature which pictures life at lowest moral levels.

There is a mixture of new and old. The explosive element is the resurgence of the old—not the new ideas of the West. People are returning to the old ideas to restore themselves. The basic element of the old is pride.

Mr. Jones challenged the assembly to explore what these explosive mixtures have done to the world and to see where the Christian Church can meet the explosive elements.

The young missionary feels that in the world of to-day there is a great spiritual vacuum. It is like a tornado, he said. At the outside there is a great movement but in the centre is a vacuum. There are many ideas and workings for peace spinning about in the world to-day. There are many fellowships to which we can all belong—but at the real centre of things there is vacuum. Work has lost its meaning. There is great loneliness of the heart — we see and know the activities but they are not lifting us upward.

As the Church looks at the world to-day where powerful political and economic forces reign on one side and on the other stand a great mass of people poor in every way—but armed by the communist who has an understanding of poverty that the Christian has not; as Christians look at this would they have a sense of guilt that their following of their Master has lacked zeal? Yet to-day it is the Christian with a missionary proclamation, a missionary Church and a missionary calling that faces the world and faces it knowing that he has the answer to its ills. The missionary proclamation is that Jesus Christ is Lord, that only God is great. This proclamation can reach the centre of the vacuum that exists. To make this proclamation we must have a missionary calling—a calling that calls us to martyrdom. The Holy Spirit is calling men and women to work at home and abroad. Our strength as we accept the challenge is the knowledge that Christ is risen.

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, as this New Year unfolds itself and another month has its beginning, we would beseech Thee to bestow upon us all Thy mercy and Thy love; to look upon us with compassion for our frailties and forgiveness for our sins; and to lift our humble hearts to Thee in the fullness of worship and of faith. We do thank Thee, Father, that in Thine infinite goodness and wisdom toward all mankind, Thou dost permit each one of us to come to Thee each day anew, seeking to lay our burdens at Thy feet, and to place our faltering hands in Thine with the perfect trust of little children, knowing that Thou, our understanding Father, wilt hold us firm and safe, and guide us through our length of days with tenderness and strength. Grant to us, O God, as we give ourselves to Thee, the great gift of that revealing vision which is of the mind and of the soul, so that we may glimpse the purpose of Thy plans, and hold before us always the steadfast advancement of Thy kingdom here on earth, and the fulfilment of our destiny in Thee.

Father, we pray that, in Thine own good time, into this troubled world of Thine may come from Thee a righteous and enduring peace, through which injustices and unbeliefs, prejudices, privations and sufferings may pass away, and true Christian fellowship arise in all its beauty in the hearts of all people, even unto the ends of the earth. Where there are lonely, troubled souls, do Thou be with them in comfort and in love; where there is pain and sadness, O Father, give the healing of Thy gentle touch; where there is perplexity and doubt, reveal Thy power and omnipotence. Teach us Thy ways, O Lord, that we may walk therein, and may Thy rich blessing and inspiration rest upon all those, who in their different ways, seek prayerfully to spread the wonder of Thy word and its redeeming grace. Very specially bless our missionaries and workers everywhere, at home or abroad, and give to them strength, courage and wisdom to carry on Thy work wherever they may be. With grateful hearts, we thank Thee for the great opportunities which lie before our Church and our Society, and ask that in all we seek to do for Thee we may be granted Thy constant care and guidance. We ask it all in Jesus' name. Amen.

How We Serve At The Port

MISS Hilda Blackwell our port worker, has passed on to us a letter of thanks from St. John Ambulance Brigade. With it she sent to Mrs. Hazell our Supply Secretary, an explanation of how gifts of various kinds are used. Miss Blackwell wished the letter of thanks to go to the ladies who had sent the gifts to her.

Miss Hilda Blackwell, Deaconess,
315 Dominion Square Building,
Montreal 2, P.Q.

Dear Miss Blackwell,

On behalf of our Divisional Superintendent, Mrs. R. A. Jamieson, and members of the Brigade, St. George Division, St. John Ambulance Brigade, thank you most sincerely for your very generous donation of Clothing, Diapers, Blankets, etc., for the Immigrant children. We only wish you could see the grateful expressions on the faces of the recipients.

Again thank you and may Providence bless you a hundredfold for your kindness.

Yours very gratefully,
St. George Division
St. John Ambulance Brigade

The ladies of our Church have been quite generous in the things they have sent me for distribution to the people I meet in the course of my duties at the piers. So far this year I have received nineteen parcels of varying sizes from Mission Bands, Explorer Groups, a C.G.I.T. group, a church choir, a special club of ladies, a Bible Class now affiliated with W.M.S. and auxiliaries and Presbyterial Secretaries of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Miss Mae Johnston of Perth continues to send little dolls she has interested friends and ladies of the Society to dress for me.

These supplies have included a multitude of things, but chiefly the small toys, dolls, scrap books, books and paint books, crayons, stuffed animals, and gum and wrapped hard candies I have emphasized as being most useful. They have included also ditty bags of soap, wash cloths, sewing equipment, combs, etc., for which there is a limited need, and some baby supplies. These and the stock I had on hand from last year have given me ample for my work, but not too many to be burdensome.

I have again shared my things with Miss Margaret MacKenzie of

Miss Hilda Blackwell

Tyndale House and Miss Muriel Judd of the Chinese Mission; and recently there have been some things which Mrs. Leatherdale could use on her visits to hospitals here in Montreal. Besides sharing my supplies with these fellow workers in our Society, I have found another use for some of them.

This year the St. John Ambulance Brigade has been at the pier in Quebec to render helpful assistance to the mothers and infants and to be on hand for any first aid required. The Brigade screens off a section inside the Customs' Enclosure and near the canteen service, which they call their "Post", and to which all the port workers bring the women to attend to their babies' needs. At a refugee ship often the infants need some treatment, such as salve or ointment for eczema or a food rash, and always they need fresh diapers. I have several times during the summer contributed diapers; and in September I packed two cartons which I turned over to the Brigade for this work. They contained diapers, baby powder, bottles, nipples, safety pins, face cloths, soap, towels, flannelette nighties, socks, booties, soakers, rubber pants, a quilt, a blanket, and a few articles of good used baby clothing. The lady in charge wanted to know the names and addresses of the auxiliaries and Presbyterials of our Society that contributed these things; but I said that, since they were from various auxiliaries and Presbyterials of our Society, it would be best to write any acknowledgment to me and I would forward it to you with an explanatory note; and I gave her my card. Unfortunately, though, the card passed through several hands before it reached the corresponding officer and my note on the back of it was overlooked, for the letter of acknowledgment seems to give me all the credit, though I had pointed out to the ladies with whom I worked the day I gave my first box that they were from my general supplies and I had brought them to their Post because I felt that here the things would be given to those who needed them most.

This contribution from our Church received such favourable comment at that first ship that the United Church port chaplain in attendance, and the United Church deaconess, promised that their parishes and societies would be glad to provide similar gifts.

The letter says, "We only wish you could see the grateful expressions on the faces of the recipients." I *have* seen this, for I have taken some needy ones to this Post for attention. I have been appalled at the condition of the skin of some of the babies and the uncomfortable underclothing they had been wearing. From my supplies we completely dressed one infant.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Have You Read HE WEARS ORCHIDS?

IN the programme outlines which accompany the Auxiliary study MEET THE SOUTH AMERICANS and in the Book Lists mention has been made repeatedly of the book written by Elizabeth Meredith Lee and published by Friendship Press, entitled HE WEARS ORCHIDS. This is a book of stories, stories of the lives of real, living people. People who are to-day helping to make the living Christ known throughout South America. From the story of the man who cultivates rare and wonderful orchids in Brazil, and Christians in his Bible classes, right through to the one which tells of the "Voice of the Andes" broadcasting the Christian message throughout the land, the interest of the reader will be held.

Dr. W. Stanley Rycroft in the "Perspective" which he has written at the close of the book sums the whole up beautifully in the words, "The men and women who move through the pages of this book come from varying backgrounds and different walks of life; they include an outstanding botanist, a nurse, a businessman, a musician, an expert on leprosy work, a bishop's wife, a senator, pastors, writers and others. Some are of Italian, French or German parentage, others of indigenous Indian stock; some are highly educated and cultured, others less educated. Their mother tongues vary; they speak Spanish, Portuguese, French and Indian languages such as Aymara. Many of them speak English, and one speaks several languages. These people are different in many ways, and yet they have one thing in common. They are Evangelical Christians; they profess and try to follow our Lord Jesus Christ. They belong to an Evangelical community that transcends all barriers of race, nationality, language, profession and station in life."

The stories in HE WEARS ORCHIDS will provide many suitable and telling illustrations for use at Auxiliary meetings—some are particularly suggested in the programme outlines. But do not let the use of HE WEARS ORCHIDS end at meetings. It is a book that everyone should read. See that the book is made known in your congregation and that copies are circulated among the Home Helpers and shut-ins. Everyone will enjoy and be inspired by these well-told stories of vital Evangelical Christians of South America.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

AS we begin the second month of 1952 some are in office for the first time.

President and Secretary: Have you copies of our constitution and by-laws? If not please let me know and I will send them to you.

Treasurer and Finance Convener: Always keep the state of your finances before your women. If you can persuade your members to give ten cents a week over the regular givings we will have no trouble reaching our allocations.

Home Helpers Secretary: You have a large field to work in. Any women who are not members of our auxiliaries, it is your privilege to ask them to be Home Helpers.

As Welcome and Welfare Secretary: Are you alert about newcomers in your congregation, especially the new Canadians?

Glad Tidings Secretary: Try and get *The Glad Tidings* into every home in your congregation and at your meetings draw attention to items of interest which are many.

Literature and Library Secretary: Build up your library and interest your members in reading the books.

Supply Secretary: Get your department working early so there will be no delays in getting your work to Presbyterials.

To the members: I trust every member is trying to interest others in our Women's Missionary Society so that our objective of 10,000 new members will be reached.

Let us this year go the extra mile and always be ready to witness for our Society's work.

May no barrier of race or nationality prevent us from being neighbourly and compassionate.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary

Church Family Night — Passport To Adventure

WANT to tackle something different in a Missionary programme? Want to interest people who "just aren't interested in Missions", or the newcomers to your community? Want to have fun? A Church Family Night can help to accomplish all of these wishes.

Even if this occasion doesn't take place until April it isn't too early to begin planning. You will want, first of all, to talk over the plan with your Minister, or your church Session, and decide upon the best time to hold it. Then, choose a planning committee, i.e., the leaders of your Mission Band, Explorers, and C.G.I.T., the President of your Young People's Society, and the President of each adult group in your church.

Latin America has plenty of eye-appeal, and you can use this to arouse interest. Ask your teen-age or junior groups to prepare a series of Latin American maps, travel posters, or pictures from National Geographic. Use some of these ahead of time to launch a publicity campaign. But don't depend entirely on this method. Ask each member to issue at least two personal invitations.

A *Supper Meeting* might be a good idea—since the junior groups are taking part. But *do* keep it simple, so that the ladies don't spend the whole evening in the kitchen. Chile con carne or rice with chicken might be the main dish, and could be served cafeteria style, with your young folk doing the serving. A fruit cup, served in paper cups, cup cakes iced in various colours, coffee for adults, cocoa or chocolate milk for children, might complete the menu.

Or, if you wish an afternoon or evening meeting, serve crackers and cheese with jelly, or open-face sandwiches followed by coffee or spiced fruit juice.

Table-setting: Use your most artistic people for this. Crepe paper in fiesta colours could be used as background, with flags and coats-of-arms representing the countries of Latin America as decoration (See "Flags of the Americas" in National Geographic May, 1949). Fruits and Latin American pottery would add colour. And Latin American place-mats and serviettes are obtainable at this office.

Re programme—All groups should be asked to participate. Here are a few suggestions:

(a) Dramatization of one of the stories found in the junior mission packet *Off To Brazil* by the Explorer group.

(b) Groups of songs from the Mission Band packet *The Children Downstairs*—or a presentation of the living pictures suggested on page 33 of the same packet, by the Mission Band.

(3) Group games or group singing, led by the teen-age group; or, let them choose from their Mission Study packet the contribution they wish to make to the programme.

(d) Original skits or character sketches based on any of the stories found in *He Wears Orchids*—by the Young Women's group.

(e) Worship—led by members of the Evening or Senior Auxiliary. A suggested worship service will accompany my February field letter. Extra copies will be available on request.

As a special treat, you might show the new motion picture on Latin America "Wings to the Word", which portrays vividly the use of the airplane on Latin American mission fields. It may be rented from the Visual Education

Department, The Presbyterian Church in Canada, 63 St. George Street, Toronto 5. Rental $8.00.

Have on display handcraft projects completed by the various groups, including the maps and posters and literature on Latin America for all age groups.

The success of such a programme? No one can tell beforehand. Much will depend upon your willingness to attempt new ways; your determination to interest more people in the work of the Protestant Church in an important area of the world, and your whole-hearted commitment to a worthwhile task.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary

A FEW months ago we reported a conference on girls' work which was held in Regina at the Meeting of Council. This month we are going to tell of other conferences—three of them also in connection with girls' work — all of them just as interesting and inspiring as the one held in Regina.

These conferences were called "Sponsors' Conferences" and were under the leadership of the Ontario Girls' Work Board. Representatives were Synodical and Presbyterial Secretaries, Girls' Work Board people and others who "sponsor" girls' groups. The sessions lasted from Friday evening and went right through with few idle hours, until Sunday afternoon. After the preliminaries we settled right down to discuss the "needs of teen-age girls to-day", and soon a long list was being written upon the black-board. The needs are so varied but soon it became apparent that the same few needs would crop up dressed up differently.

Perhaps the one which recurred most often, indicated our girls' need of confidence in the future. It became apparent that to-day there is lacking a certain stability and security which is making itself felt in the lives of our young people. We saw so clearly how much consecrated leadership was needed, how greatly our girls' needed someone who through faith, knew "where they were going". Strong Christian convictions were required in order to meet the needs of our girls. Besides these spiritual necessities, others paled in comparison. However, it was reported that recreations should be varied and worthwhile; that girls felt the need of doing some good for others; that we must make them realize that there is a very definite place for them within the Church. As one well-experienced lady said "We must make our girls feel that we need them in the Church and not treat them as that noisy group of youngsters we must tolerate". There is a terrific difference. Let me say it again. We must make our girls feel they are *needed* within the Church. Think it over!

Next day, after our devotional period we studied C.G.I.T. programme and philosophy. A panel discussion took place, the members of the panel, being representatives from each denomination and the Ontario Girls' Work Secretary. A thorough discussion took place, each denominational secretary telling of the weakness and strength of the C.G.I.T. programme as they appeared to her denomination.

Following this came a discussion on the C.G.I.T. organization—its relationship to other boards, denominationally and inter-denominationally. Miss Margaret Webster, prepared a chart which showed clearly the steps through which one was led from the local group to the National C.G.I.T. Committee and then the Canadian Council of Churches. On the Presbyterian side it traced the responsibility of the local group, through Kirk Session, Presbytery (and Presbyterial) Synod (and Synodical) to Assembly's committee on Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies and to Council Executive.

In the afternoon there was a denominational session—each denomination going off to discuss it's own problems. Unfortunately at two of the conferences Presbyterians were conspicuously absent, but the attendance and enthusiasm at the third one, made one forget one's disappointment at the non-attendance of our people at the other two. Here, we had a wonderful discussion. We started with "reporting"—that never-ending bug-a-boo!

1. How to get leaders to take advantage of available material and leadership helps which are obtainable through our office and also the various Girls' Work Board.

2. How to interest the W.M.S. groups in the girls! (The answer to that is simple. Tell your groups about your girls, what they are doing, what they need, and how much they'd appreciate being included in some auxiliary programmes. Also how much the girls would appreciate your responding to their invitations to special meetings.)

3. The Mission Study—how to present it.

4. Planning for rallies—getting programmes arranged and obtaining speakers. (An excellent group of suggestions for rallies and list of speakers in Ontario, may be obtained by writing Miss Iris Daly, Ontario Girls' Work Secretary, 299 Queen Street W., Toronto 2B.)

5. From this conference came the request that mid-term report forms might be prepared for the use of Presbyterial Secretaries, so that greater knowledge of individual groups might be obtained. (Council Executive has agreed to this suggestion and Presbyterial Secretaries will receive their forms very soon.)

These are just a few of the highlights of those memorable weekends. We haven't the necessary space to tell of the discussions about "Knowing Your Job"—the programme, organization, needs, visitation, contacting groups, promoting new groups, getting in touch with the people who are responsible.

Of this business of the need of "Sponsors" (in our case Presbyterial Secretaries) "knowing their job" we have written many times and shall probably do so again. Suffice it to say that one regretted so much that so few Presbyterian "sponsors" took advantage of these conferences. They were so valuable and provided a wealth of ideas and help in solving problems.

The inter-denominational part of our work is important too. We are not weakening, but rather strengthening our position as Presbyterians, by taking our place in this work. We go always as Presbyterians and our views and ideas are enthusiastically welcomed.

Miss Whale and your secretary represented you at these conferences.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary

Easter Worship Service

Worship centre—An appropriate picture depicting the Easter story or a picture showing children singing praise to God might be used. An open Bible should be conspicuously displayed on a table in front. Flowers might be used also.

Soft music to bring the children to order (Hymn 215 might be used.)

Hymn 751.

Leader—Easter is a very special time. Why is it so special? Easter is a time of newness, little plants growing in the gardens, new little lambs playing in the fields, new little birds in their nests and we often wear new clothes. Why do we think of new things in the lovely Easter time when Spring makes all the world look so new and beautiful? It is because we can be all new inside too, with new thoughts in our hearts and new kind deeds that we do every day. Wouldn't you like to learn to be all new in your heart? Someone whom we should all love very much made it possible for us to be good and lovely inside. Of course you know who it is. It is Jesus.

Hymn 763: verses 1, 2, 3, 6.

Leader—We have been having stories of Jesus which tell how He helped the sick and lame and troubled people. Also we have heard some of the things which

Jesus taught about God's loving care and forgiveness and how God wants us to live. Some of those who heard Him speak did not understand or care about the things He said, and others became angry or jealous and had Him put to death. Of course Jesus' friends were very sad because they thought they would never see their friend again. Some of them were afraid thinking that they too might be put to death because they had travelled with Jesus and were known as His friends. Then three days after Jesus was put to death His friends heard wonderful news. Certain people said, "Jesus is not dead, He is alive. I talked with Him". We are going to read in the Bible about some of the first people who saw and talked with Him.

Matthew 28: 1-10. This passage might be read by a girl.

John 20: 19, 20. These verses might be read by a boy.

Leader—Now let us bring our gifts to God and say "thank you" to Him for giving Jesus to us to show us what God is like.

Prayer—Dear Heavenly Father we thank Thee for loving us so much and for being so close to us always. Help us to try hard to be the boys and girls Thou would'st like us to be. Show us how we may tell other people about Thee and Thy love for them. For Jesus sake, Amen.

Leader—Once Jesus was a little boy just like many of you. He left His beautiful home in Heaven with God and came to live here with us to show us how good and kind God is. He showed us, too, how disappointed God is when we do unkind and selfish things and think unkind thoughts. He showed us what kind of people God wanted us to be by being that kind of person Himself. He knew how hard it is to be good even when we try. When Jesus became a man He loved us so much He died for us so He could help us to be good. Jesus didn't stay dead. He went back to be with God. He now will come and live right in our hearts if we ask Him even though we cannot see or feel Him. He will help us to be the kind of people God wants us to be. We can be all new inside if we try, and ask God to help us.

Story—There will be an Easter story in the March issue.

Leader—Let us bow our heads and ask God to forgive us for all the wrong we have done.—

Jesus be with us to-day
As we bow our heads to pray.
Help us every one to see
We're not as good as we could be.
Make us sorry, show us how
To be better, starting now.

Note to Leader—Children reading the passages of Scripture should have ample practice in advance so as to read smoothly and clearly. The children should also be familiar with the words and music of the hymns.

S.C.M. Staff Appointments

THE Student Christian Movement has announced a number of staff changes. After serving for four years as Associate General Secretary on the National staff Miss Margaret Prang has resigned to undertake graduate study and to act as secretary of the University Christian Mission Committee on the Toronto campus. Her successor will be Mrs. J. D. Lafferty who has previously served the Movement (as Miss Marjorie Peck) as Associate Secretary in the University of Toronto.

In the University of British Columbia, Reverend Robert Pitt, a graduate of the University of Melbourne, Australia, and until recently minister of Jackson Avenue Baptist Church, Vancouver, has been appointed General Secretary, succeeding Reverend Thomas Bailey who is returning to full-time lecturing at the Anglican Theological College, Vancouver. A former secretary at Queen's and Dalhousie returns to the staff in the person of Reverend Glynn Firth, who goes to the University of Saskatchewan, where Reverend Earle Hawkesworth has resigned after four years as secretary. Since his previous service with the Movement Mr. Firth has served two rural charges of the United Church in the Maritimes and one in Ontario.

On the Manitoba campus Reverend Robert McLean retires as General Secretary and will study at Union Seminary, New York. His successor will be Reverend Roy Wilson, a graduate of United College, Winnipeg, and now minister of the United Church at Lyleton, Manitoba. After a period of several years without a secretary, a staff member has been appointed at Dalhousie University; he is Reverend Blair Colborne, a graduate of Dalhousie and Pine Hill Divinity Hall, and for the past three years a minister of the United Church in Prince Edward Island.

The present staff, locally and nationally, now numbers thirteen and denominationally consists of two Baptists, five Anglicans, and six United Church; of the total, seven are ordained ministers and six are lay men or women.

Glad Tidings — April - December

Our aim for this year is 10,000 new members. Is there any lady in your community who has not yet been approached to receive the magazine?

The **April - December** offer gives **8 issues** for 75 cents (individual) or 50 cents (group). Send for these.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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THE British Columbia Synodical Executive held a luncheon at Mount Pleasant Church, **Vancouver**, on November 26th, to meet with the National Secretaries, Miss Grace Irvine, Miss Helen Bricker, and Miss Elizabeth Moodie. Greetings were brought by the President, Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, the Rev. James Evans, Moderator of Synod and Rev. H. Lennox, Convener of Sabbath Schools and Young People's Societies.

Victoria Presbyterial—At the November meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Victoria**, Mrs. Jane Silver was honoured by a gift in memory of Mrs. J. P. Dempsey. The President, read an article of tribute to the memory of our beloved Nellie McClung.

The Executive of the Presbyterial met with three of the National Secretaries in St. Andrew's Church, on November 28th at 2.30 p.m., when the work and problems of the various groups were discussed. At 4 p.m. the Mission Band and Explorers met with Miss Moodie and at 5.30 p.m. supper was served to seventy-five C.G.I.T. and teen-age girls, their leaders and members of the Auxiliary. Miss Helen Bricker addressed the girls. At 7.30 p.m. Miss Grace Irvine met with the young women, Sunday School officers and teachers in a discussion group. Miss Grace Mackay, regional secretary, showed the film strip ''The Great Adventure''.

Port Alberni Church sustained a great loss in the death of Mrs. Isabelle M. Mowat, wife of Mr. James Mowat, M.L.A. for Alberni. As President, and a Life Member of the Women's Missionary Society, a member of the church Board, and a former Sunday School teacher for twenty years and President of the Ladies' Aid Society, her life was one of service and devotion to the church since it started here twenty-five years ago. We, the members of the Auxiliary and Ladies' Aid pay a loving tribute to her memory, always remembering her as she worked for her church as well as helping many outside the church. We hold before us her memory as a faithful servant of our Lord, to whom when the call came would hear the words, ''Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord''.

Westminster Presbyterial—At the fall Thank-offering meeting, members and friends of Mount Pleasant Senior Auxiliary, **Vancouver**, had the privilege of listening to a fine address on Formosa given by Dr. Ross Mackay of the University of British Columbia, a son of Dr. George W. Mackay, who is on the field at present. Rev. D. A. Smith, Superintendent of Chinese Missions gave the Thanksgiving message.

At the October meeting of Fairview Senior Auxiliary, Vancouver, the guest speaker, Mrs. Daniel Firth, gave a most interesting address illustrated by beautiful slides showing our Church's work in British Guiana.

At the fall Thank-offering meeting of Fairview Senior Auxiliary the spirit of the season permeated the entire programme. Helpful thoughts in the opening devotional period, led by Mrs. Walter Ellis, were based on the story of the ancient Thanksgiving, observed by the Jews returning to the homeland after exile. The guest speaker, Rev. E. L. Garvin, of Robertson Presbyterian

Church, gave an inspiring address, ''Our Reasons for Thanksgiving''. The Synodical President, Mrs. W. J. Murdoch was present. The pastor of the Korean Church in Osaka, Mr. Wenchi Kim, who was to sail the following day for Japan was also present. He told of the great longing among his people for a church of their own, but they could only raise one-third of the money needed. There was great joy and thanksgiving when The Presbyterian Church in Canada came to their assistance with the balance.

Fairview Evening Auxiliary held its September meeting at the home of Miss Isabella Bennett. After devotions and study Miss Ruth Yeandle was presented with a gift by Mrs. Thomas Wilson on behalf of the Women's Association of the church, in appreciation of her work among the Chinese and also in Fairview Church.

The Nursery School children of the Presbyterian Children's Centre, Vancouver, held their Christmas programme in Central Church Hall. Over fifty relatives and friends gathered. The theme throughout was ''Bridges of Peace''. The children in various activities joined the world by boats, radio and airplanes. This led to the real union—the Birth of Jesus—which was done in pantomime by the children.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, at their annual meeting honoured the minister, the Rev. Grant Hollingworth. Their year had been successful in attendance, new members and *Glad Tidings* subscribers.

St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Auxiliary, New Westminster, report a very successful year. Missionary interest was maintained, as shown by the attendance at meetings and the amount raised for missions. All officers were re-elected.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial—The Presbyterial entertained members of the Synodical and ministers' wives at an afternoon tea at the home of Mrs. George Metcalfe, Synodical President. Honoured guests were Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary and Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary.

While Miss Bricker was in Calgary, four very instructive Leaders' meetings were held. Two of these were for Sunday School teachers and two for C.G.I.T. leaders. The meetings were interesting, helpful and entertaining. We were all charmed with Miss Bricker and Miss Irvine who worked out such inspiring meetings for the leaders in our Sunday School and girls' work. The C.G.I.T. leaders were especially delighted with the new Mission Study and with the help and instruction they received from Miss Bricker. New songs, new ideas, new enthusiasm and new inspiration resulted from these meetings and we are all grateful.

At the November meeting of Grace Church Auxiliary, **Calgary**, the programme was taken by Group two when they reviewed *The Glad Tidings* for the past seven years. In this review the different changes were mentioned. A fitting tribute was paid to the former Editor, Miss Helen Mackintosh and mention made of the new Editor, Miss Mary Whale. The change in the cover was discussed at some length and Presbyterian Blue was the popular colour with the majority. Then in turn each of the overseas fields were discussed and how they, too, were conforming to the changing times with the new mobile units now being used. Each department of *The Glad*

Tidings was discussed and it was shown how many items of outstanding interest could be obtained through the reading of our magazine. A very fitting "in memoriam" for Mrs. Strachan, our beloved former Treasurer, was paid by our own Synodical Treasurer, who also mentioned other changes on the Council Executive. With all these changes in our magazine and our work we did find that there was one thing which had not changed and that was the fundamental need of the peoples of the world for the Gospel and the responsibility of those who have it to give to those who do not.

Edmonton Presbyterial—Another link was severed in the passing of Mrs. R. H. MacMicking on January 7th, after serving in the Women's Missionary Ranks for many years. Having a keen missionary vision, she gave self, time and talents at every opportunity, both in the east and west. For a number of years, she was the Alberta Synodical President and was a constant inspiration, a wise counsellor and comforter to our workers, deaconesses, and all others who came into contact with her, enriching their lives by her sympathetic understanding and knowledge of her Saviour and her Bible. After only a short illness she was taken to a well-earned rest, leaving but one relative but a host of friends who will miss her love and wisdom. Mrs. MacMicking was a faithful member of First Church, **Edmonton,** and of the Auxiliary for many years.

Peace River Presbyterial—The Young Women's group, the Daughters of the Kirk, of Forbes Church, were hostesses to group leaders and the Executive members of the Presbyterial, when Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary and Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary, were special speakers at meetings held in **Grande Prairie** recently. The afternoon meeting took the form of an informal discussion on girls' work, Miss Bricker giving some very helpful suggestions for teen-age groups. The Explorers were presented with badges at the close of the meeting. In the evening Miss Irvine spoke on young women's work across Canada.

Red Deer Presbyterial — Carstairs Auxiliary reports that the members are working hard to reach their allocation. Over 100 pounds of used clothing and a quilt have been sent to Rossburn, Manitoba and a large number of magazines have been distributed.

Dr. W. A. Cameron was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Olds.**

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WINNIPEG Presbyterial — The annual meeting of Old Kildonan Auxiliary, **Winnipeg,** was held at the home of Mrs. J. P. Duffin. The Christmas service of worship was taken from the December issue of *The Glad Tidings.* The annual reports showed an increase in interest with interesting programmes planned throughout the year. Miss Margaret MacNaughton conducted the election and installation of officers.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —The Jessie Clow Evening Auxiliary, **Owen Sound,** held their Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. H. L. Severt. There was a good attendance with Mrs. Fred Moyer and Miss Zella King leading the meeting. Mrs. Clow, guest speaker, chose as her theme "Love". "God is the Light, the Life and the Way." "We have the Father's love to His Son; Christ's love to His disciples; our love to Christ and to others." Mrs. E. Lennox and Miss Jean Sinclair gave a synopsis of the year's *Glad Tidings.* Various reports were heard and it was with gratification that the Auxiliary looked back over the past year and forward to the coming year. During the year new members joined this group and two of its members attended the Conference which was held in London in May. A report of *The Glad Tidings* was given at each meeting. Besides the regular givings a liberal donation was made to the Senior Auxiliary for an Honorary Life Membership. Plans were made for the meetings of 1952.

The annual meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Owen Sound, was held in December and the new officers for 1952 were installed. On behalf of the auxiliary, the Honorary President, Mrs. Lyman Brown paid tribute to Mrs. H. L. Severt for three years of faithful and inspiring leadership as president. She also commented on the efficiency of the retiring executive. Miss Mary Sim gave a most interesting paper on the part being played in our W.M.S. work by the use of Christian Literature. An Honorary Life Membership is to be conferred on one of their most faithful members.

Chatham Presbyterial—At the last meeting for the year of the Senior Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** all the officers, with one exception, were re-elected for the ensuing year, and were installed by Mrs. Martin Mepham. Splendid reports of the year's activities were given. A letter of thanks from Miss Doris Brant was read thanking the auxiliary for their interest and help with the Mission Band. Miss Charlotte Ferris spoke on "The Light of the World", telling the story of the first Christmas.

Niagara Presbyterial — It is with sincere regret that Drummond Hill Senior Auxiliary, Niagara Falls, announces the resignation of their beloved treasurer, Mrs. Emma Dalby, due to ill-health. She served the auxiliary faithfully for thirty-three years. We wish to express our appreciation to Mrs. Dalby for her long service and extend to her our best wishes for health and happiness in the future.

Huron Presbyterial—The Presbyterial Rally was held in **Clinton** in October. Mrs. Gordon Bisset presided. Mrs. Russell led the devotions using the same lesson and hymns as those used in her service of worship at the Synodical meeting. As guest speaker, Mrs. McCauley of Ripley gave sketches of the Council Meeting in Regina at which she was a delegate. She said, "In India we have an open door: let us make use of it and not neglect our opportunities as we did in China. Are we giving our best to what we consider the best things in life?"

The Caven Auxiliary, **Exeter,** held their October meeting at the home of Mrs. Wm. Sellery. Articles from the *Glad Tidings* were reviewed and letters from our missionaries were read. A Talent Table laden with fruits, vegetables and candy yielded a goodly sum for the Expense Fund.

A very successful tea, convened by Mrs. J. A. Murray and Mrs. D. Stewart was held by the Goforth Mission Band of First Church, **Seaforth.** The church basement was gaily decorated.

The autumn Thank-offering meeting of the Arnold Circle, **Hensall,** was held in October. The annual dinner preceded the meeting. To this dinner were invited the husbands of the members. This inclusion keeps the men of the church cognizant of the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

London Presbyterial—The report of Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary, on her series of meetings in the Presbyterial during October was the highlight of the Executive meeting held in November, at New St. James Church, London.

Despite adverse weather conditions, London Presbyterial held a very fine rally at Elmwood Avenue Church, **London,** in November. Mrs. J. R. Waldie, president, was in the chair and the service of worship was led by Mrs. H. E. Schaef and Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor. Mrs. John Fleck, on behalf of the Senior Auxiliary and Gilmour Evening Auxiliary welcomed the rally and Mrs. R. N. Campbell, Mosa Burns, made a gracious reply.

The Rev. John Fleck, minister of the church, introduced the guest speaker, Rev. Mariano di Gangi, recently inducted minister of St. Enoch's Church, Hamilton. He will be remembered for his outstanding work in the Italian Church, Montreal. Using as his topic the theme of the rally ''Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do . . .'', the speaker urged us ''to search out our task and try our utmost to do it''. As delegates to Council in Regina, Mrs. Victor Jackson and Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor dealt with two phases of our work that of the story told by our returned missionaries and the important phase of our Supply work.

Bethel Church with its affiliated groups: Senior and Evening Auxiliaries, the Young Women's Auxiliary and Mission Band held their autumn Thank-offering in November when guests were present from interdenominational societies from Arva, Birr, Bryanston and Ilderton. Rev. David W. Kerr of Rodney, who had been ordained in the Bethel Church, was guest speaker. He took as his theme ''God's Unspeakable Gift'', and pointed out the great cost of that gift to God and to His Son and the great blessing to us His people. Miss Mary Carmichael, president of the Evening Auxiliary presided and Miss Mary Mikolaski, a newcomer to the district gave a splendid flannelgraph talk to the Mission Band.

Mrs. G. Welker, Vice-President of London Presbyterial, addressed the Thank-offering meeting of Chalmers Church, London, in November, her theme being ''Thanksgiving and Thank-offering''. Mrs. Robert Copeland presided and welcomed guests from Knollwood Park Auxiliary.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE Annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church, **Lindsay,** April 22, 23 and 24. The Billeting Convener is Mrs. G. W. Keith, 23 Adelaide St. N., Lindsay.

Guelph Presbyterial—The annual fall Thank-offering meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Preston,** was held at the regular Sunday morning service with the minister Rev. H. G. Cleghorn in charge. There was a large attendance to welcome the guest speaker, Miss Frieda E. Matthews, National Missions Executive Secretary, who told of the great rapidity with which the work is growing, especially among the Chinese and Indians. Many appeals for help come from new housing areas and from mining towns, and with this growth there follows naturally an ever-increasing need for funds and more important still the need for trained young people to give full-time service to the Master.

Over 160 ladies met in Duff's Church, **Morriston,** to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Duff's Auxiliary. Mrs. D. G. Hanning, who has been a member for almost sixty years, conducted a service of remembrance, paying tribute to the members of former years who had laid such a wonderful foundation for the Auxiliary and set such a high standard. Miss J. Jeffrey traced the history of the past sixty years, telling some of the highlights and struggles of the early years. Miss Helen Blair, Reg.N., a daughter of one of the members, who has returned after two years spent in the Grenfell Medical Mission, spoke briefly of her work there. Greetings were brought from the Synodical Society by Mrs. H. Mainprize, Acton, and from the Presbyterial by Miss Lyla Sinclair. Guests included members of eight other auxiliaries. The guest speaker was Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Editor of *The Glad Tidings,* who took as her theme, ''A diamond a very precious stone, which through the years can be perfected.''

In honour of Miss Mary Ellen Anderson, who has returned to her home on furlough from British Guiana, the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Acton,** held a missionary Family Party, to which all members of the missionary groups and their friends were invited. The Daughters of Knox opened the meeting with their call to worship, the Explorers conducting the worship service. The Mission Band presented a Christmas pantomime and the Alert Evening Auxiliary led in carol singing. Miss Anderson thanked the assembled friends for their welcome and told them of her missionary family in British Guiana.

Kingston Presbyterial — The Executive of the Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, **Belleville,** when plans were made for the annual meeting of the Presbyterial to be held in Kingston on January 14th.

The Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, **Madoc,** celebrated their sixty-fifth anniversary with a meeting in the church. The president, Mrs. Fields Allan, welcomed the guests and many letters of greeting were read from former members or their descendants. A memorial service for departed members was led by Mrs. Carl McCoy. Mrs. Tate, second Vice-President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society, was guest speaker and brought greetings from the Synodical. In her address she stressed our responsibility to the past, the present and the future. All that we are is from the past but all that we can give we owe to the future. Our gifts should be our badge of discipleship. If our religion costs nothing it is nothing. A short story of the years was given by Mrs. McCaffrey. A candle-lighting service was conducted by Miss Vankleek. A large candle represented St. Peter's Church and three others were lit from it, representing the auxiliaries of St. Paul's, Eldorado, organized in 1892, Cooper in 1893 and Queensboro in 1897. The smaller candles were for the Mission Band and C.G.I.T. groups.

Toronto East Presbyterial — Three charter members were present and took part in the meeting when St. Matthews' Auxiliary, **Toronto,** celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary. An interesting history of the auxiliary was read and greetings were brought from the Presbyterial by the president, Mrs. F. J. Harvey. Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, President of Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society, gave a stirring address on the achievements of the past as she outlined the reports of the Council Meeting at Regina, and urged the members to make the challenge before us a reality.

Barrie Presbyterial—We would like to report the two most interesting meetings during the past of our Women's Missionary Society Auxiliary of **Orillia** Presbyterian Church. The first was the sixty-fifth anniversary which was held in the church during the Centenary Celebration of this Orillia Church which was held for three weeks in June. Mrs. Allan Ramsay, the president, presided. The guest speaker was Miss Isabel Taylor who had recently flown from Formosa. The roses that decorated the church were placed by Mr. R. L. Taylor in memory of Mrs. Taylor who was a former devoted member of the Auxiliary. Mr. Taylor also gave his daughter an Honorary Life Membership. The pin was presented by a young women's group known as the Isabel Taylor Auxiliary.

A second Honorary Life Membership was presented to Mrs. Charles Thomson by her family and many friends, for so many years of service to the Women's Missionary Society, having held a number of offices. An interesting part of this presentation was that Mrs. Thomson's daughter, Mrs. S. R. Sarjeant and her daughter, Miss Suzanne Sarjeant were all officers at the same time in the W.M.S. family.

The second meeting was held December 7th. This was called Family Night. The officers of Bright Sunbeams Mission Band, the Good Companions Girls' Auxiliary, the Isabel Taylor Young Women's Auxiliary, the Farther Lights Evening Auxiliary and the Senior Auxiliary met and went in to the meeting together. Mrs. J. M. Rumford presided and Mrs. Rawson, President of the Presbyterial, spoke on the work of the Society at home and abroad. At the close of this address, Mrs. Rawson installed all the officers for 1952 for all the groups. This is the first time this has been done here.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial—The 65th anniversary and fall Thank-offering of **Dunbar** Auxiliary was celebrated on November 8th. The President, Mrs. J. Wesley Moke presided. Guests from other auxiliaries and sections of the Presbyterial were present and brought greetings and assisted with the programme. The service of worship was led by Mrs. J. Davidson and Mrs. Earl Munroe of Winchester Springs. Special greetings were read from Mrs. George Mason, the wife of a former minister, who was a devoted worker in the Auxiliary and who organized the first ''Inasmuch'' Mission Band in 1907. Mrs. Mason paid tribute to the faithful pioneer women of sixty-five years ago who gave such willing service and who lit the torch, which burning brightly, has been handed down from mother to daughter, to granddaughter, some of whom are our members to-day. The Auxiliary has been small in number, but ''fervent in spirit''. Organized in November 1886 by Miss Scott of Toronto, with nine members, the first officers were: President, Mrs. Daniel McMillan, Secretary, Mrs. Wm. McMillan, and Treasurer, Mrs. Alexander Durant. Mrs. Eric Larsen of South Mountain, President of the Presbyterial, was the guest speaker, taking as her theme

''Willingness'' from Exodus chapter 25. Mrs. D. A. Dillabough gave a splendid resumé of the work of the Auxiliary, which was most interesting.

Iroquois Auxiliary held a long-to-be-remembered Thank-offering meeting with visitors from the United, Anglican and Presbyterian churches of Iroquois and Dixon's Corners present. The guest speaker was Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta of Ottawa, who spoke on ''The Responsibility of being Missionary-minded''.

At the December meeting of the Goforth Helpers of St. Paul's Church, **Winchester,** Mrs. Wm. Reid was the guest speaker. Her subject was ''Life's Opportunities''. Mrs. A. G. Suffel, President of the Auxiliary, spoke on ''Christmas in Other Lands''. Miss Isabel Hay presided, assisted by the secretary, Miss Doreen Cross, who reported that the group had exceeded its allocation. The group leader, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, addressed the girls on the subject ''Open Doors'', and conducted a Bible Quiz. The meeting closed with a social hour when Mrs. Ledgerwood was presented with a gift in appreciation of her leadership.

Ottawa Presbyterial — Annual meetings are the order of the day in this Presbyterial with reports and elections of officers the main business. St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Aylmer,** had a visit from Mrs. T. H. Thomas, Presbyterial Literature Secretary, who displayed her books and spoke on the part they can play in Women's Missionary Society work. The Auxiliary exceeded its allocation.

Erskine Mission Band, **Ottawa,** entertained the parents of its members and the members of the Auxiliary at a Christmas party, followed by the annual meeting of the Auxiliary.

At St. Giles, Ottawa, the service of worship was led by Mrs. J. Logan-Vencta, who gave a talk on ''Shepherds of the Holy Land and the Shepherd's Psalm''. The President, Mrs. N. T. Allen, had charge of the business meeting. All secretaries reported a year of progress and the Treasurer stated that the allocation had been exceeded. Rev. J. Logan-Vencta installed the newly elected officers.

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Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

"Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour;
Long may she reign."

QUEEN ELIZABETH is a very real person to Canadians. We think of her as a beautiful, gracious young woman who with dignity and charm received the sincere welcome of her people across this wide realm, whether that welcome was given as she rode through the streets of our cities, at city halls, at parliament buildings, at state banquets or on railroad platforms of large towns and tiny hamlets.

Queen Elizabeth is our Queen—the Queen of Canada. "God save the Queen" is not just a National Anthem. "God save the Queen" is a prayer for one we love, a prayer for a young woman upon whom has fallen a heavy burden of responsibility but who we know will "ever give us cause to sing with heart and voice, God save the Queen".

Our Easter — And Our Resurrection

BY REV. J. B. SKENE, B.A., D.D.

THERE are times to re-assert old truths, not seeking, with Athenian futility, Some New Thing. That is one of the values of festivals—like Christmas, which calls us to remember the Incarnation—of God, dwelling in humanity in Jesus Christ—and now, Easter, which emphasizes the Resurrection.

It is the Resurrection which enables the minister to put ringing expression into the words of the committal service: "The Sure and Certain Hope of the Resurrection of the Dead, through our Lord Jesus Christ". When I was a younger minister, I used to repeat those words rather softly, but now I make them ring out like bells, over the bleakness of graves. The troubled world, fretting itself because of evil doers, needs this re-assertion, in voices that are stern but comforting, both assuring and warning, that men are Immortal; that human personality is *perpetual.*

The One who proved that, is uppermost in our thoughts at Eastertide, and must keep that first place in our minds throughout the year and always. Easter should teach us again, to think in terms of the future, and to look well to the shaping of things to come, for life is limitless. The personality we are building now will not perish in a few years—and therefore its quality is of infinite importance.

What we call death is only the end of earthly life, but is not the end of life itself. It wounds us, but its wounds are not final nor incurable. In a very real sense we have lost our good King, but in the eternal sense, we can think of him sitting now in the councils of the King of Kings. This Easter message we can apply to any friend or dear one who has gone before us.

Let us think of two arising—the one of the Son of God, crucified by men, arisen from death to which He went of His own will. The other—a son of humanity, crucified in soul by himself, of his own will—moving in the direction of self. The Son of God arises from the tomb, the son of sin arises from his sins, and his folly. "He arose, and came to his father". (Luke 15: 20) They both went to the father—but by such different ways! The One sinlessly, to save sinners—the other, through sin, folly and repentance. Christ arose again, in the soul of the prodigal.

This is the next glorious message of Easter, the message of its *possibility* for all of us. We are led to think, amid its springtime glories, of the Rising of Christ in the Soul. As St. Paul tells us, We are Risen with Christ, and we go along with Him. In His way of thinking, His way of living, His whole viewpoint.

This is a very high ideal, however, and "we are afraid of that which is High" (Ecclesiastes 12: 5) but the rising of Christ in the soul accomplishes miracles in us —and the fears of the soul are gone. The ideals of Christ are attainable, and we are no longer satisfied with spiritual mediocrity. Conformity to low purposes no longer contents us. As with the prodigal, the empty husks of the swine are no longer worth while, and we make a brave journey to the Father's house, not with the demand of "Give Me"—but with the prayer, "Make Me", and we find joy in the place where we can do the most good.

This is our Easter—and this our Resurrection.

EDITORIAL

"*How long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God, follow him.*"—I Kings 18: 21.

SO spake the prophet as he challenged his people to awaken to the situation closing in upon them. His words come ringing into our ears as we are faced with the swiftly changing and menacing events of our day. Again it is a time of crisis, a time to make a choice. We go to one side or the other—there is no 'middle road'. Having chosen we must assume the responsibility for our choice. As Christians this means a clear and definite witness, and a quicker, more alive step in the march forward. Others must see and be made aware of where they stand; they must hear the words which awakened us.

The area of our witness is wide —here at home, in neighbouring communities, throughout Canada, 'into all the world'. We are well aware that a large number of the women of The Presbyterian Church in Canada have little or no share in this outreach. For this year an Objective of 10,000 New Members —100 New Groups was selected. This affords to each of us the opportunity of making our witness that more may share with us in prayer and service for the advancement of the Kingdom of God at home and abroad.

We cannot awaken too soon to our responsibility as Christians!

'Ye shall be my witnesses'—said our Lord.

(Mrs. A. W.) Maydee F. Pae,
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Looking Abroad

Last month we took you to the mission fields in Canada as we shared excerpts from annual reports. This month we are allowed to see the work in some of our overseas fields summarized by our missionaries. They are not all here—so next month watch for those not appearing here, and when you have read all three issues—March, April and May—put them where you can refer to them again—for they give you a picture of a large part of the missionary work you are supporting.

The New Formosa

Miss Pelton wrote of her impressions from Formosa.

FORMOSA has changed since October 1948. Taipei, the Capital of Formosa, has grown from a leisurely moving city of 300,000 to a crowded, enterprising metropolis of half a million. American streamlined motor cars toot their noisy demanding way along the streets thronged with bell ringing peddy cabs plodding but determined ox drawn carts carrying unbelievably high stacked loads of charcoal, bamboo and many other products while the typical two-wheel-man-drawn-cart still finds its place in the strange and incongruous medley of transportation. And in the midst of it all, the ever flowing constant stream of humanity through which all modes of transportation must blow and scream their perilous way.

The shops are filled with all kinds of attractive and fascinating merchandise which intrigue the visitor and tempt him to spend money beyond his sober judgment. In 1948 there was little to buy. Now one can purchase almost anything his heart may desire—providing he can pay the price.

Train service is much improved, excellent air transportation serves the Island and at reasonable cost.

Two things have not changed—the beauty of the Island and the kind courtesy of the people. Formosa is one of the most beautiful spots on earth and the people of this Island are among the kindest and most lovable in the world.

Thousands and thousands of Formosans and those from the mainland are searching, seeking for that which the Christian Church has to give. Everywhere we hear the same story—never in the history of the Island have the people been so open to the Christian message—but, they will add wistfully, there are so few workers.

L.K.P.

British Guiana

Interviewing Miss Ellen Anderson

PICTURE a low-lying tropical country, a country whose northern boundary is the Caribbean Sea, where the thermometer hovers about the 80 degree mark. Think of the people, the Negroes, East Indian, Chinese and white people, who inhabit a land where flowers and fruit grow all year around. As you put these thoughts together, you have a background against which Canadian Presbyterian missionaries live and work in British Guiana.

Lest you think that their activities are limited by lassitude induced by a warm climate or by the temptations offered by a luscious vegetation, let me give you the pattern of a month's work. Miss Mary Ellen Anderson is the authority. Miss Anderson is on furlough from British Guiana. In the office one day she painted this word picture of life as a missionary in British Guiana, South America.

Sundays: The first Sunday of the month, Miss Anderson and a deaconess, make a round trip of thirty-six miles into the country. The deaconess is an East Indian lady, a widow whose father is a senior Elder. "She is a very fine woman and a good companion," says Miss Anderson. They go into canal roads and have four meetings under houses. We have always been intrigued with the idea of having a meeting under a house. I must confess that my mind linked the canals and the houses—sort of a Venetian idea with meetings held in boats beneath palatial mansions. Miss Anderson dispelled my romantic ideas when she reminded me that Guianese houses are built on stilts and that the space beneath affords a very comfortable place for a meeting—a place where people can gather protected from the hot sun, or the rain and yet enjoy the atmosphere of an outdoor meeting. On the first Sunday, in the afternoon, Miss Anderson and her assistant hold four meetings under Hindu houses. In the evening they attend service in Burns Church, Georgetown. Miss Anderson directs choir work in that Church.

On the other Sundays of the month Miss Anderson visits Sunday Schools in the country. On the last Sunday there is a definite place to attend, a definite Sunday School to see. Sometimes they just observe, other times they teach. On the last Sunday they hold a women's service after Sunday School.

Mondays: On the first Monday of the month there is an afternoon meeting in the country, a women's group. In the evening an evangelistic service for all ages is held on an estate.

On the second Monday, they have teaching periods in three schools and hold a women's meeting.

The third Monday is spent on the west coast of Demerara county where a meeting is held on an estate or among the Hindu homes under a big tree. A second meeting is held in a church with a women's group and a third in the open air. If the weather is unfavourable they go into the houses.

The fourth Monday the missionaries go to the East Coast making a round trip of sixty-two miles. That day they teach in three schools and hold two women's meetings. We commented on the heavy day's schedule and were reminded that it is necessary in British Guiana to conserve gas as well as time.

Tuesday: Tuesday evening there is always a Bible class meeting in Burns Church, Georgetown. It is a study group made up of people

Mules pull

of different denominations — and the majority attending are Negro people.

Wednesdays: Two schools are visited on the East Coast on one Wednesday of the month. In the evening the Burns Church choir practises.

Thursdays: On Thursday evening there is always an open air service in a town with the rather unusual name of New Town Kitty. Here again the people gather under houses. There are five which serve as host alternately. At these meetings are used an organ, slides, an accordion, and a flannel board.

Fridays: Fridays are study days and visiting days. Sunday School teachers meet on Friday. Miss Anderson said that Friday nights are her "free" ones. But there is always plenty to do.

Saturdays are also preparing days. When we think of the number of women's group meetings and day school classes Miss Anderson attends each week we realize that the actual meeting is only part of the time spent. There is need for a great deal of time spent in study. But "extras" are always on hand to interrupt the study hours. It is just like our work in Canada. There are visits to hospitals and prisons, Council meetings and other meetings. Miss Anderson laughingly said that while her programme was full, it was certainly not monotonous.

Miss Anderson at an open-air meeting under a mango tree.

There were certain questions that came to mind as we listened to Miss Anderson go over her day by day description of a month's work. To whom do our missionaries minister? Our Church works principally with the East Indian people—but people of the other races in British Guiana come under Presbyterian influence particularly in the day schools.

Are there many Guianese people working with our missionaries? You will recall that a Presbytery of our Church was formed in British Guiana some years ago. Guianese catechists minister in most of the churches. The catechists who are all natives of British Guiana find it difficult to obtain a higher education. There are only two state secondary schools in the land—one is for boys and one for girls. Then there is our own Berbice High School and several private high schools. There is no university. The young people must go to Trinidad, or farther to receive senior education. The catechists now receive instruction through a correspondence course conducted by Mr. Reoch.

The influence the Christian Church can have in education is evidenced by the fact that our missionaries themselves conduct the Bible teaching in many of the schools. For a Canadian school teacher to hear that there was never a discipline problem for the missionary who goes in to teach Bible study, is like hearing of a Utopia in the education world.

"There is one school in particular," said Miss Anderson, "where, as soon as the head teacher sees my car, he stops whatever he is doing, and by the time I appear in the classroom, all is silent. Throughout the teaching period there is perfect attention. It is a large school. I use the flannel board and the accordion."

There are about thirty-three public schools over which our missionaries have supervision. The largest of these has between 800 and 1,000 students. There is indeed a fertile ground for our Church, for education is compulsory and while our missionaries must administer these schools—the government maintains them. The teachers are allowed to give a Christian interpretation of the academic subjects—and a definite period is set aside for Bible teaching.

British Guiana is only twenty-four hours away by plane but distance and differences fade away when we realize how close are the bonds which unite the people there to us. Much growth has been made in the Christian witness in this tropical land—but they like us are looking ever to the future and greater service to our Lord and Master.

M.E.W.

The Scottish Churches have announced a six weeks' Radio-Mission to begin on March the first. During these weeks, the announcement says, they hope to bring into the homes of the people, by radio, the message of the Cross. Some ninety broadcasts have been arranged. They include broadcasts of preparation, family prayers, Sunday services, children's hours, and week-day religious broadcasts. There will be religious music and religious plays. Through Lent there will be a series of addresses on the Seven Words of Christ from the Cross. After the mission, follow-up broadcasts are planned to the end of June. This programme has been distributed through the Churches of Scotland, and congregations have been asked to form Listening and Action Groups to co-operate with the radio-mission in their respective communities.

—*World Church News.*

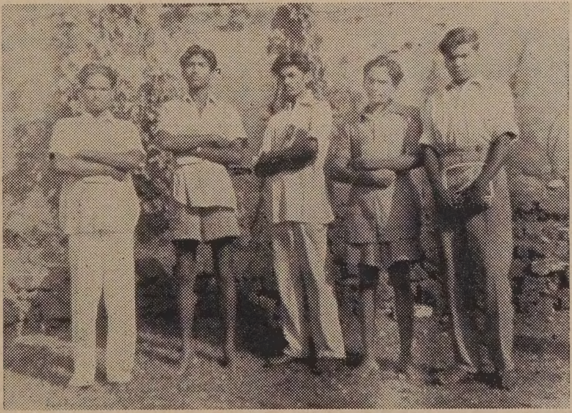
INDIA—THE BHIL FIELD

Boys — Just Boys

BY IRENE STRINGER

NOT so long ago a letter was published in *The Glad Tidings* about girls. Girls, I grant you are winsome and because they are, I fear we sometimes give priority over the boys when it comes to 'nice things'. We think of boys as rough and rowdy. Do you remember the old nursery rhyme that told us, "girls were sugar and spice, and ever'thin' nice, and that boys were, "rags and tags and old paper bags"? Is it because of that old rhyme that so many times in our educational programme the girls get the big share and the "rags and tags" are left for the boys?

After working among girls for so many years I must confess I had nervous qualms when it was suggested that I teach boys and young men. I, too, thought of them as rowdy and difficult and hard to reach. Had I remembered my Sunday School class of boys before I ever came to India, I would have remembered, too, their worthiness and their loyalty. I would have remembered that underneath, in spite of the bold front, the beetles and mice and other things in their pockets, they are Nature's gentlemen, unpolished jewels, waiting for the touch of the Master to bring out the lustre of the hidden diamond. I would like to tell you briefly of four boys here in Jobat, India, all ordinary young men with a keen sense of mischief and humour, all sons of our own mission workers,



From left to right: Manbhawan Ver Singh, George Cyril, Wilson Herbert, Alec Jigiyo, Yohan Yanput.

all keen to serve the Master in their own land, and yet, all so different.

First there is Jalal Masih Daniel, Jalal means light, his father is the ordained pastor now serving in the Barwani Church. Jalal is a master in the state school for boys here in Jobat, rather a quiet, serious young man, but that may be because he has the vision of service as an ordained minister of our Church here in the Bhil field. He is willing to work to achieve that aim and since he left school has obtained his First Arts extra-murally, paying all his own expenses. Now he is working on his last year for his degree. In spite of his studies and his work as a master, he still finds time to serve in the Church. Very seldom is his place vacant at Sunday service and he is a member of the Managing Board of the church and Superintendent of the Sunday School. Just a Bhil boy who except for you would have had no chance. Don't you think it very worthwhile?

Another young man has a vision of the needs of his Church. Not so long ago George Cyril Lalji was a school boy problem, into all kinds of mischief, and a worry to his parents, not doing very well in his studies at the Rasalpura High School. It was decided he should not be sent back, and so a year and a half ago he was accepted into the Teacher Training Class on probation for three months, because underneath the mischief and irresponsibility we could see good qualities, real leadership qualities. George did make good, finished his full year of training and is now a teacher in the Primary school here in Jobat. He, too, takes part in home and church. Daily we see him coming from the well with a huge tin of water on his head. We are happy to see a young man a teacher at that, doing such work. I remember all our language teachers telling us, "it just wasn't done in India, no man of any account carried a burden and most certainly never lifted it above his shoulder." That put him down as low caste. Now India has different ideas but alas few have the courage to attain to them. But if she is to do her work as nurse, George's mother needs help so he carries water, helps with the cooking and in the care of his little brothers and sisters, there are six at home. Besides this he teaches his class, is Sunday School secretary, helps in the hospital services as a volunteer helper, and is studying privately for his Matriculation Examination in March. One more eager to serve. He, too, is needed. He, too, can do much in this land—if he gets a chance.

Still another lad, the son of Jigiyo Padre, the ordained pastor here in Jobat, can be seen with his pail daily carrying water for his mother. He, too, is a graduate of the Teacher Training Class and a master in the Jobat Mission School. Our Church needs just such young men of vision. Ordained men are desperately needed. Thank God for young men ready to fall into the breach. Can we help them keep the vision?

The fourth boy, Wilson Herbert, has a vision, too, but in a different field of service. He sees the great need of doctors in Bhil land and from his earliest years has wanted to help meet that need. His father is the head compounder in the Mission hospital. He would have made an excellent doctor had he had the chance. Wilson, too, works in the hospital and has passed his first Compounder's examination. He is a good student, one of the cleverest boys I have ever known, industrious, loyal—the kind that would make a good doctor. He, too, takes his part with the other three in the community and church activities. If he is to proceed with medical studies, he, too, looks to us. The people round about, need just such help as he could give, if he has the chance.

Four, only four, out of so many boys. Are we going to leave them just the "rags and tags"? Our Church needs young men of vision. Only the Master can help them keep true to that vision, lead them into paths of service, but He, too, depends on us for help. Chosen vessels for Him, just boys, ordinary boys, but His beloved sons.

Hostel Work

Miss Marion Williamson

OUR hostel work goes on in much the same way from year to year. The year just closed has, however, seen an increase in the number of boys, for which we are glad. We finished the year with 69 boys and 79 girls. The opening in Amkhut of 7th and 8th classes has meant that some of the big boys and girls remain with us instead of going out to other schools.

We are happy that we have so many boys and girls in residence, but any increase in numbers also increases the food problem. Altogether at the present time we have 166 persons for whom we have to provide, and this month the grain

Miss Marion Williamson

allowance was eighteen pounds per adult. Children under twelve, of whom we have many, get half that amount. As that is not nearly sufficient grain for a month, we have a problem ahead of us to find a way to make up the deficiency. Last year we were fortunate enough to get some extra grain off the ration, but there is greater difficulty this year, owing to the scarcity conditions existing over practically the whole country. When I speak of food situation I do not mean for ourselves. We can not get all the things we used to buy, and some of the tinned things we find nowadays, (mostly war surplus), are pretty old and stale, but, we have no complaint.

During the year, largely due to the efforts of the Christian people, a ration shop was established in Amkhut and people from 21 villages were able to come here for their grain. The Government brought in supplies for the rainy season sufficient for all who were entitled to draw from this place. The grain was stored on our premises as the Government had no suitable place of its own. We had to assume some responsibility for its safety and proper distribution. The man who sells the grain has his own shop across the river, so that the Government grain is kept absolutely separate from his business.

From our pupils of last year three girls have gone for nurse-aide training, some have entered Miss Kennedy's class, and two who passed the 8th at Jhansi have entered for Nurses' training. Two returned to 9th class at Jhansi and one to 8th class.

M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Home.

Amkhut District Schools

Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed.

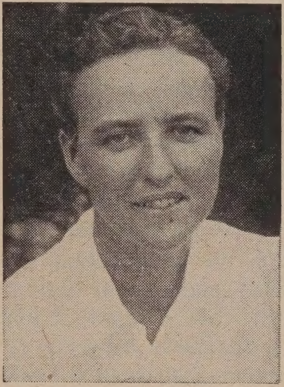
WE began the year with an enrolment of 187 students and with 11 teachers on the staff. In December we had 245 students and 14 teachers.

In June we opened an 8th class with an enrolment of 15 students.

Our crops and gardens were all very poor because of the failure of the monsoon.

In September we had a Communicants' class for the students. More than fifty attended. Most of these became members in full communion on World Communion Sunday. Eighteen of them joined our Amkhut congregation and the others joined other congregations of our mission.

We have had quite an influx of students during the last several months. Some of them are Christians, but quite a number are young non-Christians. There seems to be an increasing interest in learning to read. When they come to us we have an opportunity to give them Bible teaching too.



Miss Mary Sherrick

Amkhut School Children.

Evangelism

Miss Margaret Kennedy

THERE is a phrase in John Baillie's "Diary of Private Prayer" which reads, "Of all that shall come to me this day, very little will be such as I have chosen for myself." The truth of this statement seems very forceful to me as I look back on the year that is now past. What unseen forces, compulsions, influences have caused young lives of promise to be stunted, overshadowed by their own or their family's wrong! This young wife here, that young girl there, all ready for a life of service, then turned aside. Then again, those two girls coming out of unpromising surroundings, what unconjectured, character-building forces have nurtured firm personalities in them! A year's work has been accomplished and the plain recital must be given for 1951, but it is the play of these forces, weaving out a pattern in the lives of the young people around us, that constitutes the real body of the picture.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

This was the fourth year we had daily classes with women in Khalghat area, so now there is an acceptance of the idea of regular attendance. I cannot say that the drab lives of the women seem improved, but we do trust that the teaching of God's Word will bring its own fruit. Up until August I was able to get cotton yarn for those now weaving, then when several additional families came to ask for a portion, the Rationing authorities decided that these Christians were now too numerous in making requests and that they must get their yarn through the local Hindu cooperative. This new arrangement has not been productive of results yet. My hopes for helping the women in their own homes are still being thwarted for lack of a place to stay, from where operations could be directed.

While at Pethora, the last place we camped in this 'weaving' area, we were visited daily by the low caste herdsman and the Rajput landowner, the two young men who were making definite enquiries before. The young Rajput had been involved in quarrels over inheritance and his mind was all upset but the other young man seemed sincerely anxious to learn. He did not make a decision for Christ, but he must have made his interest known, as the morning we broke up camp he was there at daybreak, and after him came his older sister to make sure he did not run off with us.

During our stay in Sardi where we had daily classes with the women and children, I visited with a widow, asked how her crops had been and learned that she had very little grain left, i.e. in March, and her next crop would be in September. I was shocked and asked if she and her children would be able to earn enough by labouring in the meantime. Oh, no, they would have to live off the jungle! Again I learned of the amazing provision the Creator has made in this hilly, stony jungle where grain is a scarcer commodity than trees, seeds, flowers and roots, portions of which can be processed into an edible form.

Kegli bau, Ruth and I had a new experience in April when we attended a refresher course for Bible-women in a nearby centre. We were asked to contribute something to the programme too, including the use of puppets. It was inspiring to be in the fellowship of those 25 or so Bible women and their leaders.

When I was on holiday in Landaur, word came that some 16 to 17-year old girls, who were ready to leave school, would be applicants for a course which I was planning. There is need for skilled leadership in various fields within the Church in India, but there is also the ever-present need for the witness of truly Christian homes. If seeds of devotion, home-making or practical leadership could be sown in the lives of potential mothers, then might we not look with expectation for the blossoming of more homes dedicated to His glory! It has been a joy to have seven young girls taking the Bible study along with the wives of the Bible School students, to see some of them come to a realization of Christ as their living Saviour, and to see them develop in leadership. They have studied food values, cooking and sewing. They made 24 dresses by hand which were given to the pre-school children at Christmas time. Shirts and pants for the little boys were made mostly by Roshan, my assistant, on the new sewing machine which arrived from Canada in November.

Along with this Bible and Home Training course, we started a Nursery School, originally to take care of the children of Bible School students, but now all the 4-year old 'Jobat-ites' are enrolled. Roshan is in charge of the small school and my girl students go by turn to learn how to help in training little children. How proud the parents were on Christmas Day to see their wee tots put on a 15-minute drama—and how proud I was of the instructresses! I was pleased too at the way we got some equipment for the Nursery School. We wanted blocks but the price of getting them made locally was prohibitive. I approached a young chap of Jobat congregation, an apprentice carpenter, and he said he would see what he could do in his spare time. One day he arrived with a big sack, and out came blocks of all sizes, little carts, noise makers, push-car things on wheels (rough and wobbly but nevertheless wonderful) and all manner of things I'd never even thought of, and all for a very reasonable price. Incidentally this youth is now out of work—if only we could use and develop his initiative, but where would be the market!

Our regular classes ended at the Bible School graduation at the end of October, so two days before this, fourteen of us, students and teachers, went to a lovely, solitary place twenty miles away and there we worshipped, studied, cooked and ate, played and sewed, slept under the stars, did our washing in the small river and altogether had a memorable time of fellowship before we separated for the winter's work. Not all of us went on tour right away. Miss Nichol kindly arranged for a 6-week's course of practical nursing for two of the girls in the hospital. After Chrismas two other girls started this course which includes a glimpse into the doings of the maternity ward. Four of the Jobat women went voluntarily with other students to witness in the Bhil villages around Jobat while I was away at Council and other meetings in November. A group of us were able to stay for two weeks in Chicheniya during December and the new girls learned how to use the flannelgraph in teaching the children there. Two of Mr. Knox's evangelists helped with the night meetings. One of Miss MacMurchy's nurses took care of the sick in our midst. I had midday women's meetings, so all in all we trust the small congregation felt encouraged by our visit.

A résumé of the year's work has been told. How inadequate it sounds in face of the great task of evangelism that lies before us on this field. In God's grace and by His strength may we go on to greater heights of resolution and performance in this new year of opportunity.

A "Moving Story"

Miss Bessie MacMurchy

MY report for the past year might be called "a moving story" inasmuch as the major part of my time has been spent in travel. In such a report there can be nothing very concentrated.

On January 2nd the new programme for district work was inaugurated with the employment of a nurse and a student motor driver. The serviceable Ford V8, which had been in constant use since 1937 in connection with the W.M.S. part of our medical work, proved worthy on several trips that were made in the first months of 1951. Help also came from Miss Kennedy, and from the Amkhut missionaries. The new car sent out especially for the mobile unit arrived in April, and has covered nearly 8,000 miles in the intervening time. The student driver is still learning the mechanics of the car, but is able to drive under supervision. He is an orphan who was supported by the Mission in Amkhut for some years. Had it not been for the assistance given by the Jobat driver and by the two Amkhut drivers, my work could not have been accomplished As we are miles from service stations, and as many roads are rough, it is essential to have not only a driver, but a driver-mechanic.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N

The Indian nurse employed in January resigned in April. I then had a student midwife for three months. In July two nurses were engaged for full-time work, and in September a third nurse joined the staff. When the nurses have not been busy with me they have helped in camps, and have periodically done relief work in the hospital. Their service has also been given in a few maternity cases in Mendha area. There was the premature baby, for instance which weighed less than two pounds at birth. Under difficult circumstances it has been given attention, and now weighs about five pounds at nearly four months. The mother, who lost three babies previously, is extremely happy to witness the progress of this fourth child.

Equipment was another essential part of our preparation for the mobile unit. Through the months it has gradually been accumulated so that the end of the year found us with practically all that is needed for our work, whether our trips be one day or several days. There are trips when it is necessary to take bedding rolls, water bottles, lunch baskets. When these, along with medicine box and gramophone, to say nothing of three or four people, are in a car, there isn't much room to spare. Therefore, we are planning to get a luggage rack for the top of the car. On one trip to a camp we had nine people as well as luggage. It was fortunate that the average Indian young person is thin and small in stature.

I cannot report that we have a well-organized programme. Knowing that I would be going on furlough early in 1952, and feeling it unwise to try to make any definite plans, my objective for 1951 was to experiment and do survey work over the whole Field. It has been possible to explore different areas, and to get some idea about points which might be promising for future work. An effort has been made to co-operate with Indian evangelists, and they have seemed to be happy to have us work with them. Through them advance notice of visits can be given. They can take advantage of our presence to present the Gospel to groups who gather for medicine and treatment. As regularly as was possible we visited Alirajpur, Amkhut, Dungargaw, Sardi, Talawad, Kotara, Balkhar, Khalghat. Less regular visits were made to Wau, Ohran, Jotrara, Anjira Wor, Dhuliya Wor, Asara, Nimrani, Sejwani, and Bandhan. No statistical record of patients has been kept, but hundreds of people have received medicine and treatment. The distribution of iron and vitamin pills has given much relief to needy people. It has been gratifying to see the welcome we usually get, and to know that relief from pain and discomfort has been given to many. There is great need for regular teaching of simple health rules. Very often people are indifferent to teaching, and it will not be easy to keep cheerful and patient while endeavouring to reach the unreached throughout our area. As the result of this year's work *I am convinced that the minimum number of units needed for effective work is four*. Even that number can only touch the fringe. We do hope, of course, that Government may soon be able to make plans for more medical relief in remote places. With one nurse for something over 40,000 people, and one doctor for about 7,000 people they are confronted with a terrific task. These are the days of our opportunity. God grant that we may all be ready to catch the vision of what He has for us to do so that through the channel of mobile medical work many of those who are sick in soul and body may be brought to Him.

Village Schools, Mendha

Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A.

MISS Scott spent the first part of 1951 in Jhansi. In July, she was appointed to Supervise Village Schools in Mendhi, on the Bhil field and to do Evangelistic work.

She writes, in her report of the steady spread of Christian influence through the schools. One school had been re-opened. In another place new classes were started. These are in addition to maintaining schools already in operation. The teachers in these schools are young Indian Christians, some of whom have received help and inspiration from the special Teacher Training classes conducted by Miss Stringer.

In reporting on the evangelistic work, Miss Scott writes:

"For three weeks in August and the first of September I helped Miss Kennedy with her Biblewomen's course. Then I was able to visit some of the homes within walking distance of Mendha. The camping began in October. For this we have co-operated with Miss MacMurchy's Medical Unit and the General Board of Missions evangelists. Most of the time either Miss MacMurchy or I have been present and then the Biblewoman and one or more nurses go with us. Sometimes the evangelists carried on without us.

Miss Beatrice Scott

We camped at three different villages before coming in for Christmas. At the first place the tarvi (headman) has been interested for some years but has not yet made a decision. At the second place were two who had been baptized many years ago but who had gone back into caste. They seem unable to avoid the Gospel but fear their neighbour.

Older workers have remarked that more people are showing an interest in the Word. The political situation has helped to encourage the village people to think and decide for themselves. During these weeks they have cast their first vote in a government election. It is a time of opportunity and of responsibility. May the Church here so present Christ to them that all fear will flee and that they will accept Him as Saviour."

Prayer

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven, invisible, invincible and immortal, Thou holy and eternal God, Whom, not having seen, we love, and worship in true humility, we thank Thee for the ineffable tenderness of Thy mercy and forgiveness toward all who call upon Thy name in prayer, and bow before Thy Presence in simple faith and trust. In the glory of this Eastertide, we lift our hearts to Thee with thanksgiving and rejoicing, as we realize anew the wonder of the great gift of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who came from Thee to take upon Himself the burden of our sins, and to die upon the Cross that through His suffering and resurrection, we might enter into life everlasting, and death be forever swallowed up in victory.

Grant, O Father, we beseech Thee, that daily, as we live, we may seek to be more worthy of His sacrifice for all mankind of every race and creed; more conscious of the debt we owe because we have been purchased at a cost so great; more filled with the nearness of His presence, and more keenly attuned to hear His voice in quietness and tranquility, as we strive to understand and do His will on earth. Fill our hearts with gladness and with praise, our eyes with vision, and our lives with the beauty of Thy purpose, so that, in Thy guiding power, we may continue to spread abroad the message of the Risen Christ and His redeeming grace, and to bring to this needful world the saving revelation of unity, newness of life, and peace in Thee, in this world and the next.

Very specially, we would remember at this time our own Church and its leaders; our ministers and missionaries, and all the workers in Thy task, wherever they may be. Merciful Father, be Thou ever near to them, in sickness and in health, and bestow upon them the power of Thy love that they may speak for Thee as they go unto the far places of the world. Bless our own Society and all its members. Inspire each one with selfless zeal, and the realization of her own opportunity and responsibility. Teach us, dear Lord, to uphold each other in united prayer and fellowship, and to remember always in our supplications the homeless, the hungry, the grief-stricken, and the lost and lonely ones who know Thee not. Give unto them, and all who come to Thee in trouble or despair, the healing of Thy love and care; the comforting knowledge of Thy loving presence with them, and the solace of Thy certain understanding of their every frailty and need.

We ask it all in Jesus name, Amen.

Beneath the crisp and wintry carpet hid
A million buds but stay their blossoming
And trustful birds have built their nest amid
The shuddering boughs, and only wait to sing
Till one soft shower from the south shall bid,
And hither tempt the pilgrim steps of spring.

—Robert Bridges.

Letters To The Society

Ashburn, Ontario.
February 18, 1952.

Dear Editor,

I would like all *Glad Tidings* readers to know of a dear old lady who has given her first pension money to the W.M.S. She said the people would likely think her crazy to give so much, but we do hope there will be many more similarly "crazy". . . . .

Your sincerely,
"Mrs. F."

Last Lake, Alberta,
February 13th, 1952.

Dear Miss Matthews,

At our last meeting of our Ladies' Aid it was decided to send you $50.00.

Although we realize the portable organ that we have was a gift to us, all our members wish us to pay for this eventually. Last year the crops were so poor that we couldn't pay anything towards this purpose. However, we are very pleased to be able to pay $50.00 this year.

We were sorry not to be able to attend the Presbyterial last year. . . . We are hoping to be able to attend the next one at Grande Prairie.

Sincerely yours,
(Mrs. George) Staples,
Sec. Treas.

New Organizations

Hamilton and London

Hamilton Presbyterial—Explorer Group, St. David's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Mrs. C. Carnegy, 6 Brant St.

Explorer Group, St. John's Church, Hamilton. Leader, Miss Patricia Gibson, 41 Emerald St. N.

Niagara Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Knox Church, St. Catharines. Leader, Mrs. Gordon Whitton, 13 Wiley Street.

Explorer Group, St. Andrew's Church, Welland. Leader, Mrs. Harry Johns, 261 Niagara St.

C.G.I.T., St. Andrew's Church, Welland. Leader, Miss Ruth Wilson, 6 Summit Ave.

C.G.I.T., St. Andrew's Church, Welland. Leader, Miss Dorothy Hirtle, 15 Edgar St.

Toronto and Kingston

Peterborough Presbyterial—Mission Band, Hastings. Leader, Mrs. J. Stevenson.

Montreal and Ottawa

Montreal Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Ormstown. Leader, Mrs. McMillan, The Manse.

Quebec Presbyterial—Mission Band, Milan. Leader, Mrs. George Macdonald. Assistant, Mrs. D. Nicholson.

Christ Of The Andes

Persons: President Roca of Argentina.
Ambassador of Chile.
General of Armies of the Argentine.
Jose (Hosay), the President's Aide.
Archbishop of the Argentine.
Sir Thomas Holdich, Surveyor-General from England.
Archbishop of Chile.
Miscellaneous Spectators.
A Reader.

Reader: After Christopher Columbus discovered the western world, men of Spain fought their way inland until South America was theirs. Their settlements revolted against their Mother Country and made their own laws. The southern tip of the continent was divided very roughly between the people who had pushed in from the west, Chile, and those from the east, Argentina. As long as the mountains between the two countries were useless, no one cared where the boundary was. But when certain silver mines in the area became very valuable in 1847, a great dispute arose about the boundary line, and it lasted for over fifty years. In 1901 a crisis occurred. Chile had begun building roads on territory which Argentina claimed. Feelings ran high and President Roca of Argentina was elected to power on the strength of his promise to keep the region for his people. There was one last attempt to prevent a war between the two countries. Roca met the Ambassador of Chile in his presidential office.

Scene I. President Roca, and the Ambassador of Chile seated at a table. Behind Roca stands Jose, his Aide. The General in full uniform stands at the other end of the table.

President: Gentlemen, let us come to order and get on with our business.

Ambassador: Yes, let us begin, President Roca. Chile is most anxious to hear what you intend to do about the boundary. There has been so much talk. Just where do you claim the boundary lies?

President: The map, Jose!

Aide: Si, Senor! (Hands President a map, and he spreads it).

President: (Pointing with a pencil) The boundary is here, along this red line *west* of Mount Poconoah.

Ambassador: (Spreading his map on top of Roca's and point with a pencil) My government says the line runs *south* from Mount Poconoah. Our explorer Valdivia was there in 1646.

President: But our explorer Pinto (Peento) had claimed that land for Spain two years earlier, in 1644.

Ambassador: Is not Spain *our* Motherland as well as yours? Pinto's claims were not for Argentina but for Spain. True, he did come in from the east, but. . . .

President: (interrupting) I can see that Chile is determined to push her insolent claims as far as ever. There has been enough talk. (Slaps the table). For the last time, will you put a stop to your road-building on the soil of Argentina?

Ambassador: This is outragious! (Stands proudly) The people of Chile will build their roads where they please through this land that always was theirs.

President: It is impossible to deal with such stubborn people. (Stands firmly) This means war, Senor! Argentina must have her own.

General: (Snaps to attention and salutes) (Slaps sword) The army is ready to march, Senor President! (Takes steps towards door, but stops when there is a rap at the door).

Aide: (Answers door, returns and reports) "It is the Archbishop of the Argentine, Senor."

President: (growls) Tell him to come in.

Archbishop: (entering) Gentlemen, I have heard that you are going to discuss the boundary to-day.

President: There is nothing more to discuss, your Grace. Chile has stolen our lands and we are going to take them back.

Ambassador: (slaps table) That's a lie! Chile will defend her lands with her cannons.

Archbishop: Gentlemen! Gentlemen! If you cannot remember that you are of the same Motherland, Holy Spain, remember that you have the same Father in heaven. Please be seated! (all sit). Now in a few years the silver mines will be worth nothing to any of us. We cannot take our wealth with us when we die. And what are all the silver mines in the world compared to the life of one man, a father, a husband, brother or sweetheart? You are not about to fight a foe of Christianity. You are fighting fellow-Christians for the sake of worldly gain.

President: But what else can we do to get back our own?

Ambassador: Yes, what else can we do to hold our own?

Archbishop: War never settles whether anything is right or wrong. Allow me to suggest another way. Why not find a judge somewhere in Europe who has no leaning to either side? Ask him to study the whole problem and to decide the boundary.

President: (After a significant and thoughtful pause). Yes, we *are* Christians! I believe my government would be agreeable.

Archbishop: And Chile?

Ambassador: (After a pause, while all eyes are fixed on him) Chile will agree. We are Christians also. We do not want war. (All smile, and shake hands and chat in a friendly manner, the tension relieved.) (All go out.)

Reader: King Edward VIIth of England was appointed to study the situation and hand down his judgment. He sent Sir Thomas Holdich

Jones, Woodbridge

Woodbridge C.G.I.T. in "Christ of the Andes".

to survey the area in dispute. On November 20th, 1901, there was another meeting in the President's office.

Scene II. The President at one end of the table, the Ambassador at the other. A cross on the table in front of the Archbishop who is Chairman. At the Archbishop's right is Sir Thomas Holdich.

Archbishop: (standing) Now, Sir Thomas, we have gathered from Chile and Argentina to hear King Edward's decision.

Sir Thomas: (stands as Archbishop is seated) Your Grace, and Gentlemen: For fifty odd years your two countries have been in dispute about lands that were discovered by two different explorers about the same time. We have studied the records, and decided that since both explorers were servants of the King of Spain, and *not* of the republics of Chile and Argentina, their claims do not concern us at all. Now it would seem that the fairest way to divide the land would be to draw the line at the watershed. My surveyors have spent hard months in the mountains, and we know exactly where the height of land is that sends the water down one side to the Atlantic Ocean and down the other to the Pacific. Fortunately this line divides the silver deposits fairly evenly between you. If either country feels it is losing too much, remember that you will lose much more if you go to war. In the name of King Edward VIIth of England, I ask you to accept this settlement. (Sits down).

Archbishop: (Standing) Well, Gentlemen, what is it to be? The watershed . . . or war?

President: (After thoughtful pause) I agreed to accept King Edward's decision. It seems fair, and I will not go back on my word.

Ambassador: If God has divided our water at this line, we should divide our land there too. Chile accepts. (All smile and chat and shake hands all around).

Archbishop: (Pointing to document on table) Then will you sign this final decision about the boundary, and there shall be no more talk of war between Chile and Argentina for ever. (They all sign.)

Archbishop: There is one other thing. Both of your armies have been standing ready with their cannons. Will you give me some of these cannons, and we shall have them melted into a statue of Christ our Lord, the Prince of Peace?

President: A capital idea! If there had been no Christ, there would have been no Church, and if there had been no Church we should have had the horrors of war.

Ambassador: You deserve more than our cannons, your Grace. But by all means let the Christ stand watch over us for ever.

Archbishop: Thank you. So shall it be. (All go out).

Reader: So they built a railway between the two countries. Right on the border, over a tunnel of this railway they set up a huge statue of Christ. This statue was unveiled with great ceremony in 1904.

Scene III. At the base of the statue (projected from a slide), in the centre a plaque covered by the flags of the two countries. The Archbishop of Argentina and the Archbishop of Chile on either side. The President beside the Archbishop of Chile and the Ambassador of Chile beside the Archbishop of Argentina. Other South American spectators crowded around.

President: We have gathered to-day for the unveiling of this statue which is to watch over our peaceful boundary. The Ambassador of Chile will describe the statue. The Archbishop of Argentina will unveil the plaque. The Archbishop of Chile will read the inscription.

Ambassador: (Stepping forward) This great statue will stand forever as a symbol of peace through Christ. Our Lord here stands upon the whole world with his message of peace on earth, goodwill towards men. His Cross is His claim to our attention, for by His Cross and death He saved our souls. His right hand is uplifted in blessing over our two fair lands, symbolized by two figures here at the base. Through Him and His Church we have already been spared the horrors of war. May this, His blessing, come upon the whole world!

Everyone: Amen. Amen.

Archbishop: (Pulls retaining pin releasing the two flags to fall to the sides of the plaque.)

Archbishop of Chile: (Reads) Sooner shall these mountains crumble into
dust than Chile and Argentina
Break the peace which they have pledged
At the foot of Christ the Saviour.

Everyone: Amen! Amen! (All sing) "Praise God from Whom all blessings Flow."

—*Norma Torrance, Dr. John Ross,* Woodbridge.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Attention Auxiliary Executives!

BY this time of the year many Auxiliaries will have at least begun to MEET THE SOUTH AMERICANS; Girls' Groups will be getting acquainted with girls in British Guiana under the SOUTHERN LIGHTS; junior children will be having the thrilling experience of being OFF TO BRAZIL and primary children will be discovering that THE CHILDREN DOWNSTAIRS are very like themselves.

This, therefore, is a good time for Auxiliary Executives to pause for a moment to consider whether or not they have been making the best use of materials available, which will not only help to make meetings more interesting but, if circulated, will help those unable to attend meetings to know of the work of the Christian Church in South America and in the world.

First of all—Is there someone in your Auxiliary responsible for finding out what is available and making it known to you? If you have not a Literature Secretary, why not appoint one and see that she has literature on display from time to time?

Have you an Auxiliary Library to which books are added each year? Have you added such books this year as WE AMERICANS: NORTH AND SOUTH by George P. Howard, HE WEARS ORCHIDS by Elizabeth Meredith Lee, CHRISTIAN WORLD FACTS 1952, and such a general book on the advance of the Christian Church in the world as FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES by Basil Matthews? If you have a Library and have added these books, do you see that they are passed around among the members, both active and home helpers, and among others in the congregation?

Have you seen that the Girls' and Children's Groups not only have their mission study packets but have maps and story books? Teenagers will enjoy reading THE TRADED TWINS by Robert N. McLean and children will love ROSITA, A little Girl of Puerto Rico and MANUEL, a Little Boy of Mexico by Jeanette Perkins Brown. All will be interested in seeing these books and many will want to own copies for themselves. Was the PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CALENDAR for 1952 sold in your congregation? If it was not see that it is for 1953.

Ask yourselves these questions *now*. At the end of the year you will receive a questionnaire from your Presbyterial Literature Secretary. If you do something about these questions now you will have something to report at the end of the year. Auxiliaries who had active Literature Secretaries, used recommended study materials, secured books and *read* them, found both interest and givings increased.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

And The Angel Spake To Women

PERHAPS the most inspiring thoughts of the Easter Season which women, interested in missionary work could receive, are contained in the sixteenth chapter of Saint Mark's Gospel.

Here we have three women coming with gifts of sweet spices to our Lord, even when His body was laid away. For them the stone was rolled away. To them was given the first message of the Resurrection. To women came the command "Go your way, tell His disciples."

To Mary Magdalene, the sinful woman to whom He had given a new vision of the glory of a life of service, He appeared first. She went gladly with the message to His friends, but they were amazed and could not believe it. They had seen many miracles and though they had been told it would come to pass, it seemed too good to be true.

Is that not the way of the world today? Our missionaries hear the call, in the bringing of the gifts of their personality and ability, they are sent out with this greatest of all messages that He who had been crucified is living, His spirit is in the world, eager to forgive all men and reveal to them the vision of a noble life, worked out in service to the Master and to our fellow men.

The Lord had sent His message, and as the disciples sat at meat they could not grasp the great message in all its truth, and so Jesus appeared in person and it is said that He up-braided them with their unbelief and hardening of heart. As we pause over our friendly cup of tea at this great Easter Season, is it possible that we are deterred from the fulness of service, by that same failure of the disciples to credit the reality and power of the resurrection? May not this Eastertide bring again to us that vision of reality and power in the risen and living Son of God. Realizing this we bring our gifts at this thank-offering season to place on the altar of Him, whose voice is ringing with "Go and Tell."

Those who cannot go may send out representatives in the medical work. Are they not laying gentle hands on the sick, that they may recover, and are they not casting out the devils of superstition and giving peace for terror, and are not the teachers lifting little children from the bonds of slavery to a life of service?

The last verse of this magnificent message seems especially suited for the work of our women, "They went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them." All nature is working together in the miracle of new life. From the dead husks of last year's bulbs come the opening of new green shoots; from the shoots develop the bloom that is the glory and soul of the plant, revealed to us that we may see in the beauty of nature this miracle of growth. Is this not the measure of our work that we may tell to those about us the beauty and importance of our Master's command, and is not the test of our success the great assurance that The Lord is working with us. If we are not growing, it is because we have not brought Him into our efforts.

Let us be conscious of this great spiritual assistance being manifested in even our most humble tasks, in our co-operation with each other, forgetting self in the good of the cause, in the sweet gifts that we bring for the bales that go out to His needy ones, and in the offerings that go far a-field to help those disciples who have gone into the world, that His final command might be fulfilled, and that the women of our church may grow spiritually in having acknowledged the command "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

—Selected.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

"*Rise up, ye women that are at ease! . . . .*
Until the Spirit be poured upon us from on high. . . ." (Isaiah 32)

MANY centuries divide us from the people to whom this message was spoken. Yet their way of life strangely parallels our own.

Prosperity, bribery in high places, and drunkenness prevails. On the part of women, there is a selfish acceptance of luxury, and of utter disregard for the less fortunate.

To-day, we Canadians are among the "have's" of the world; our industrial and economic growth during the past decade has been one of the marvels of the twentieth century. And because of this, Canadian women are enjoying a power and ease of which their mothers only dreamed.

To what purpose?

Are we more interested in sharing the good life,—the good news,—which we possess than were our mothers?

A glimpse at our record in the Young Women's Department would suggest that much of the power of young women within our Church lies dormant. Yet this movement of which we form a part is the greatest in human history. God has used it wonderfully in changing human lives, in reviving hope, in bringing healing of body and spirit to those who sit in darkness.

. . . .

Against our philosophy of inaction and indulgence Isaiah's words of long ago ring out a challenge to a higher dedication of the power which is ours.

Within the next year, Presbyterian women are called to accept this challenge.

This is a year of *advance.*

There is no such thing as a static organization. Either we move forward or back. During this year, we will decide in a practical way, the direction our Society will take.

> "Rise up, ye women that are at ease! . . .
> Until the Spirit be poured upon us
> from on high. . . ." (Isaiah 32)

Prayer for the *Advance*:

O Spirit of God rekindle our hearts in such a way that the mountains of fear and indifference may be removed from our hearts. Help us to face up to the serious responsibility of Christian discipleship in our time.

Move, we pray Thee, throughout the whole Church, that it may have a spirit of bearing and that we may move out with power and faith.

Amen.

—*Grace Irvine.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary

THIS page is really just a sign post this month. We want to draw your attention to a Mission Study project which appears on page 166 of this issue.

Not long ago we saw "Christ of The Andes" put on at a girls' rally in Toronto. We felt that it was a worthy expression of the interest of the Woodbridge C.G.I.T. in their study of South America. Norma Torrance and Dr. John Ross, minister of Woodbridge Church, were co-authors of the piece. Norma was also one of the cast. Mrs. John Ross, the leader, directed the play.

It was our thought that the girls could do something for the other members of the W.M.S. family. Perhaps some groups could present this play, or better still, one they themselves write, as the Woodbridge girls did, for some W.M.S. function. W.M.S. groups may find inspiration from this girls' project for one of their own. Perhaps older and younger members of the Society could co-operate in doing something a little different in mission study. What I like personally about this idea is the thought of the "family" working together.

Some of my most pleasant memories of my church life at home, are of the times when our mothers had us do something for them—or when they helped us with a project. We were all so happy together that it gave us a very pleasant feeling deep inside.

Of course, a dramatic production is not the only mission study project you can do. Miss Bricker, in *Southern Lights*, has made various suggestions. It is her hope and ours that whatever form your study may take that you all have a very happy time in the realization that you have shared in spreading knowledge of the Christian Gospel.

M. Whale.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

Calling All Auxiliary Members

Do You Know - -

THAT you as a Christian Woman and a member of the Women's Missionary Society have a personal responsibility to the children of your congregation and community to see that these little ones are shown the way into Christ's kingdom through a Mission Band or Explorer Group?

That only 52% of the auxiliaries of our Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) have a weekday children's group associated with them?

That the objective of our W.M.S. for 1952 is 100 new organizations and 10,000 new members?

That the lack of adequate leadership for our children's groups is largely due to inertia on the part of the membership of our W.M.S. and lack of personal religious experience resulting in an urgency on the part of every member to reach our children for Christ?

That Christian women need to wake up to the desperate need of our Canadian children to know and acknowledge Christ as Saviour and Lord?

That your personal influence reaches much farther than you imagine and that young people are turning away from the church because from childhood they have seen little that was vital and compelling in the Christian witness about them?

Would You Like To Know What You Can Do?

You Can - -

Urge the executive of your auxiliary most strongly to organize a Mission Band and Explorer Group in your congregation if there isn't one already.

Organize a prayer group to pray for the children in your congregation and community and also for their teachers and leaders that they may have a vital experience of Christ in their own lives so that they may effectively lead children to Christ.

Pray that God will raise up a leader of His choosing where one is needed to lead a Mission Band or Explorer Group.

Offer to help your Mission Band or Explorer leader in any way she can use you even if it is only helping the children on and off with their wraps in the cold weather.

Acquaint yourself with the Mission Band or Explorer program and find out just what your children's groups are learning and accomplishing.

Donate a junior membership or seal as an encouragement to some member of a children's group.

Offer your services as a baby sitter if a young mother has been prompted by God to lead a children's group and doesn't know what to do about her own small children.

Visit the homes of Mission Band or Explorer Group members, many of whom do not come from Presbyterian families, and talk to the mothers interesting them in the program of the group to which their children belong and also winning their interest in the church, the W.M.S. and all they stand for.

Suggest to your executive that study books and all supplies needed for your Mission Band or Explorer leader should be provided for her and not come out of her pocket.

Suggest to your executive that the leader of your children's group should be given financial or any other assistance necessary to attend conferences or leadership training camp and provided with any literature which would help her increase her effectiveness as a Christian leader of children.

Support the leader and members of the Mission Band or Explorer Group by being present at every special event to which they invite the members of the W.M.S. auxiliary and the women of the congregation.

Help the whole membership of your W.M.S. auxiliary to be vitally interested in your children's groups by the contagion of your prayerful interest.

Work toward the deepening of your own spiritual life by the surrender of your will to Christ and by spending time with Him in daily prayer and Bible study so He can use you to witness to His little ones in ways of which you are perhaps entirely unaware.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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WESTMINSTER Presbyterial — The thirty-eighth annual meeting of Westminster Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church was held in Kerrisdale Church, **Vancouver.** A special memorial service for His Majesty, King George VI, was conducted by Rev. W. D. G. Hollingsworth, assisted by Rev. H. A. Berlis and Rev. H. Lennox. There was a good attendance at all sessions. A total of $5,686.00 was sent to the General Fund. Mrs. M. Clifford was re-elected President for the fourth year.

Mount Pleasant Church Auxiliary, Vancouver, elected Mrs. E. P. Fox as their President for the year 1952. The treasurer reported a substantial increase in givings, the Auxiliary having exceeded their allocation by $100.00. At the last meeting of the year 1951 the leader of the Explorers' Group of the church, Miss Lydia Hertzog, was honoured, as was also Mrs. J. C. Nelson, the Supply Secretary and Mrs. W. D. McLean, a Past President. Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, the Synodical President, conducted the installation service for the 1952 officers.

Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, held a very successful annual meeting with Miss Ellen Douglas as guest speaker. Her address, telling of the work in India was a challenge to those present to be more alive to the immediate and pressing importance of missionary effort in the present world conditions. Dr. J. B. Skene and Mrs. Colwell were honoured at this meeting. Reports showed the allocation was reached.

Rev. E. L. Garvin was guest speaker at the January meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Robertson Presbyterian Church, Vancouver—his subject—''Looking forward into the New Year.'' The following resolution was passed. ''We, Robertson Women's Missionary Society, regret the passing of one of our most beloved members, Mrs. Mary Mason. She was a Life Member.''

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — The 38th annual meeting of Calgary Presbyterial, meeting in Grace Church, **Calgary,** re-elected Mrs. C. E. Jamieson as President for a third term and accepted an allocation of $3,685.00 for its 1952 objective. A well-attended prayer service was held the evening before Presbyterial meeting, when representatives from all departments offered prayers for the many workers and branches in the Society. During business sessions, reports showed a year of steady endeavour with increase of membership and givings by many groups. At the afternoon session, Mrs. G. H. Patterson spoke of the work and conditions in Baptist Mission fields in South America, where she lived for six years, and where ''Rome is closing the door to everything for which our Christian Church stands''. Sessions concluded with an evening programme by Young Women's Auxiliaries and Girls' Organizations. Members were present from several Young Women's Auxiliaries, and they gave their impressions of help and information received from the recent visit of Miss Grace Irvine. Girls from some of the C.G.I.T. groups gave musical selections and demonstrated how they are using the new study materials.

At a meeting held in January, Rev. R. McKay Esler installed the 1952 officers of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Calgary.** Miss Agnes Semple was elected President. The retiring President, Miss M. O. Harback, who is leaving to reside in Edmonton, was honoured.

Rev. R. McKay Esler installed the officers of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, Calgary. Mrs. C. E. Jamieson of Grace Church, Calgary, was a guest and spoke on the C.G.I.T. Conference and the coming meetings of the Calgary Presbyterial, of which she is President. Mrs. E. Schaefer was honoured for faithful service, and Mrs. M. O. Harback with a book as a farewell gift.

Edmonton Presbyterial held their 38th annual meeting in Strathcona Church, **Edmonton.** Mrs. J. Kelman was the speaker. At the business sessions, interesting and encouraging reports were heard from all departments. Under our Children's Department a weekly pre-school-age class, similar to the one begun in St. Andrew's Church, would be introduced into the other churches.

Following the supper meeting, Mrs. Fred Metzger, wife of one of our Hungarian ministers, told of church work among Hungarians in Canada. Eleven ministers conduct services among the 20 or more preaching points, for some 60,000 to 80,000 Hungarians. In Bekevar, Saskatchewan, is the oldest Hungarian settlement in Canada. The Presbyterian Church helped the group there to become self-supporting. One young man from Bekevar graduated from Knox College and is now preaching at Abbotsford, B.C. ''There is great need for literature among the Hungarians.''

Mrs. H. Siemens is the new president of First Church Auxiliary, Edmonton. She is the daughter of the late Mrs. D. G. McQueen, who served the Women's Missionary Society for many years, and the late Dr. D. G. McQueen one of the early missionaries of the West and a beloved pastor of First Church. She spoke of the witness Christian women can make in their own congregation and communities and urged the ladies to be aware of the opportunities for Christian Advance that exist in Edmonton.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Women's Missionary Society of Memorial Presbyterian Church, **Rocky Mountain House,** was celebrated in the home of Mrs. Peterson of Oras at which time the annual meeting was held. The members present felt that while something had been accomplished through the years, yet only the fringe, in so great and necessary a work, had been touched. They are determined to go forward into the future with a real desire to serve the Master and with His help and blessing accomplish more and more.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON Presbyterial—The Mission Band of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Brandon,** organized forty years ago held a birthday party in the church. The Band was organized in January 1912 by the late Mrs. John Knox Clarke. Mrs. B. Allen the present leader being one of the original officers. The Women's Missionary Society was represented by

Mesdames D. Shaw, J. McCrostie and A. Elder. The members and leaders of the Mission Band took this opportunity to present Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Fox with a gift prior to their departure to Hensall, Ontario. Larry Obec on behalf of the Mission Band presented Mr. Fox with a fountain pen and Shirley Fraser presented Mrs. Fox with a brooch. Mr. Fox replied suitably.

Superior Presbyterial — A strong, vigorous church, a church whose members had the courage and the vision to extend its boundaries to far reaching points across Dominion, was envisioned by Miss Margaret MacNaughton, B.A., regional secretary, who addressed the annual meeting of the Superior Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church yesterday. Delegates to the convention held in St. Andrew's Church, **Brandon,** came from as far as Fort Frances and Geraldton, and heard reports of the various branches of work of the Women's Missionary Society as presented by various officers and conveners. Mrs. G. P. Stirrett presided over the meeting. Delegates from Geraldton and Fort Frances conducted the opening devotional period which was highlighted by a minute's silence in memory of our late sovereign King George VI and the singing of the National Anthem. Mrs. Stirrett extended a welcome to the visiting delegates and to the Synodical president, Mrs. C. LeCocq. On behalf of the Kirk Session of St. Andrew's, the Rev. Agnew H. Johnston wished the delegates ''profitable deliberations'' and hoped that they would ''go back to their duties strengthened and blessed of God.'' The Women's Missionary Society, is a beacon light of the church, declared the Rev. J. A. McMahon in extending greetings from the Kirk Session of First Church, Port Arthur. Rev. Gordon Bastedo spoke on behalf of the Kirk Session of First Church, Westfort. In many places, he said, where both leaders and church building were lacking, the Women's Missionary Society has continued. Greetings were also heard from the Rev. Mr. Ross; from Geraldton delegates; from the Brandon Presbyterial; the Winnipeg Presbyterial; the Manitoba Synodical; from Mrs. Milne of the Thunder Bay Baptist association; and from Mrs. A. A. Neuert, president of the Superior Presbyterial of the United Church. ''The words 'Ye are a chosen generation' might well be addressed to us to-day,'' declared the Rev. Johnston, who in addressing the delegates at the evening session, impressed upon them the importance of the task confronting the Church to-day. ''Ye are a light'' applied to Church members who were indeed ''pioneers of God, and a light to guide others,'' he averred. In His choice of associates and of His Disciples, Christ had picked men of every stature, and from all walks of life, proof that all could share in the carrying on of His work, Mr. Johnston reminded his hearers, in pointing to the importance of individual effort. All should be mindful of the privilege and the importance of prayer, he said. The officers were installed by Mrs. C. LeCocq, president of the Manitoba Synodical.

Winnipeg Presbyterial — The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Winnipeg Presbyterial was held in St. James Church, **Winnipeg.** Mrs. J. P. Duffin, President, presided.

The meeting opened with a prayer, followed by one minute of silence in memory of our late King, George VI, after which The National Anthem was sung. The welcome to the delegates was extended by the President, Mrs. J. P. Duffin. In her opening address, Mrs. Duffin stated that in order to carry out our theme, ''Vision and Service,'' we must first have ''Vision'', and then we will get ''Service.'' She also said that we must not confine our thoughts to the district and continent we know, but that we must reach out to other peoples of the world. She declared that we must go even further and provide these people with the proper literature, making them realize the values of life and the fact that there is a life beyond this world. Mrs. Duffin made reference to the drive and objective for 1952—10,000 new members and 100 new groups, stressing the part every individual member must play in order that this may be accomplished. She said that there is one thing that we are all able to do, and that is—PRAY. Our missionaries on the field can feel our prayers reaching out to them, especially during difficult times.

Mrs. S. V. A. Gordon extended a welcome on behalf of St. James Church and asked all to enjoy a warm fellowship. Greetings were extended from Manitoba Synodical, Brandon, and Superior Presbyterials. Mrs. D. C. Hill, Treasurer, stated that the allocation for 1951 had been exceeded. The allocation objective for 1952 was set at $2,550.00. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Home Helpers Secretary, reported an increase in membership of thirty-one over the previous year. Mrs. J. C. Gibbs reported an increase of twenty-six new subscribers to the *Glad Tidings*. Mrs. Sutton, Supply Secretary, reported that all allocations of money had been met and that bales had been shipped to Rossburn and Elphinstone. The new idea of having members of auxiliaries aid in the packing of these bales had proved very successful. The press report as presented by Mrs. W. S. Smith, showed that forty-one items had been sent in to the Synodical Press Secretary. The afternoon address was given by Mrs. C. LeCocq, Synodical President. In her address Mrs. LeCocq expressed the thought that there is too much feverish haste to-day, and that we are striving for things which we do not need. She stated that we should study the needs of our organizations, starting at the Mission Bands, and that we should say to ourselves, ''Lord, what wouldst Thou have me to do?'' She expressed the thought that we should go back to the faith of our fathers. Devotions for the evening session were taken by Presbytery. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, in her address, said that during the ten months that she had been visiting patients in hospitals as the official hospital visitor of the Presbyterian Church in Winnipeg, she found that the patients looked forward to her visits, but not any more than she did herself, and that now she realized that the job of hospital visitor was a most important part in our National work, and that patients were cheered with a breath from the outside world. The morning session of the second day, opened with worship conducted by St. John's Auxiliary. The morning address was given by Miss M. MacNaughton, Regional Worker. In her talk, Miss MacNaughton stated that she felt that the tone of the whole meeting had been most exhilarating. She stated that the success of the year's work as presented in the reports set a challenge for us to go forward. Devotions at the afternoon session were taken by First Church Auxiliary. Report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mrs. D. H. Ross. Mrs. C. LeCocq presided at the installation of officers. Mrs. J. A. Davidson was elected president. Mrs. J. S. Hutchison, in her closing words stated that the Women's Missionary Society was an integral part of our Church and that we cannot stand still, but must either go forward or backward. Our great mission, Mrs. Hutchison said, is in connection with the immigrants coming to our land. She declared that we must provide a place of worship for them and a Sunday School for their children. She stated that — "MORE INTEREST, MORE MEMBERS, AND MORE MONEY"— is our challenge and that we must meet it.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MRS. J. S. DOBBIE, 103-5TH ST. EAST, OWEN SOUND, PRESS SECRETARY

BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial —The February meeting of St. Andrew's Missionary Society **Owen Sound** will long be remembered for at it the first presentation of an Honorary Life Membership was made to Miss Annie Gilchrist, who was primarily responsible for re-organizing the missionary society immediately following the result of the vote in the hard days of '25. Two other stedfast workers were signally honoured too during February. Mrs. Peter McKay and Miss May White. Mrs. H. L. Severt president, presided. Mrs. Lyman Brown paid tribute to two of our deceased missionaries who passed on in the month of February in the same year, Dr. Jonathan Goforth and Dr. Buchanan. She also reported having sent Bibles and literature to Rev. Allan Reoch in British Guiana. Mrs. C. A. Fraser read a letter from her niece Miss Beatrice Scott telling of her work in India and asking for our prayers for herself and for the people of India. Miss Eva Somerville introduced the Study Book "Meet the South Americans." St. Andrew's is to be the scene of a Rally for the northern section of the Presbyterial on April 7th. A particularly interesting résumé of the February *Glad Tidings* was given by Miss Marie Campbell.

The Agnes Tolmie Evening Auxiliary of **Southampton** Presbyterian Church held its February meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Saunders with the new president Mrs. Donald MacLean in the chair.

The World Day of Prayer service is to be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Owen Sound**, February 29th. Mrs. H. L. Severt, president of the Owen Sound, W.M.S. is the key woman.

Chatham Presbyterial — Over 200 delegates representing 30 missionary groups in Kent and Essex Counties registered at First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham** on Friday, January 18, for the 38th annual meeting of the W.M.S. of Chatham Presbyterial. Mrs. Noble Law, Presbyterial President was in the chair for the morning and afternoon sessions while Mrs. D. H. Charteris chaired the evening session. To the excellent reports given it was noticed that 28 societies throughout the Presbyterial had gone over their allocation while two other groups had met their allocation. Mrs. Noble Law was re-elected Presbyterial President at the afternoon session. The highlight of the evening meeting was the talk given by the guest speaker, Miss Mary Whale, Editor of *Glad Tidings,* who developed the theme of the evening "Blessed are the peace-makers." "The youth of today will be the peace-makers of to-morrow —it is the task of the adult to inspire the young people to take up the Christian Way of Life,'' said Miss Whale. ''When we achieve a selfless devotion of ourselves to the whole work of the Christian Church at home and abroad then indeed we will be preaching glad tidings of good things.''

Retiring after having served three years as president of the Women's Missionary Society of First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham**, Mrs. Wm. Taylor was succeeded by Mrs. Oliver Drury. Encouraging reports were given at this annual meeting. The allocation was exceeded by a goodly sum. Mrs. Drury told of the deparature for India of Mr. McIntosh and his wife the former Miss Graham of Blenheim. A letter from Miss MacMurchy told much of her work in India. Mrs. C. Johnston presented the slate of officers and these were installed by Mrs. Fletcher of Chatham.

The C.G.I.T. group of First Presbyterian Church, **Chatham**, conducted a fifteen minute program over the local station CFCO the Sunday of C.G.I.T. week. Several members took part in a worship service, there were choral arrangements, and Patsy Baba, Provincial President of Camp Council for 1950, spoke on the C.G.I.T. Programme. At the annual Chatham Presbyterial meeting held in that church in January, four members of the C.G.I.T. group attended the evening session and took up the offering, and were warmly welcomed by the guest speaker, Miss Mary Whale.

C.G.I.T. of Mount Zion Presbyterian Church, **Ridgetown** are attending the morning service in a body the first Sunday of each month and taking some part in the service. This group along with other groups in the town attended the Memorial Service for King George VI. They were all in uniform and wore black bands on their left sleeves.

Mrs. J. E. Stevens, president was in the chair for the regular monthly meeting of St. Andrew's Women's Missionary Society, **Windsor.** Mrs. Martin Meghan stressed the need for more Christian literature as brought out at the annual Presbyterial held in Chatham. Mrs. Wallace Burns reviewed a chapter of the Study Book, illustrating her remarks by a map. The objective of 100 *Glad Tidings* subscribers has been reached. Mrs. J. B. Porter and Mrs. J. P. Band led the devotions.

Hamilton Presbyterial—The 38th Annual Meeting of Hamilton Presbyterial was held in St. Enoch's Presbyterian Church, **Hamilton.** The theme of the meeting being, ''Bless the Lord, O my soul and forget not all His benefits.'' The president, Mrs. D. W. Allan presided throughout the three sessions, held during the day. Rev. Mariano di Gangi conducted the opening devotions. The special hymns and verses were chosen by its 96 year old, Honorary President, Mrs. D. H. Fletcher. Satisfaction was expressed in the treasurer's statement showing the allocation had been exceeded by almost $800.00. The historian pointed out that St. John's Auxiliary in Grimsby had celebrated its 60th anniversary last year. New Westminster, Hamilton its 40th; St. Enoch's and St. David's, Hamilton, the 30th and Calvin, Hamilton, the 23rd. Mrs. D. Munro, Hamilton brought greetings from Hamilton and London Synodical. A short memorial service for departed members was conducted by Miss A. J. Ritchie. The officers were installed by Mrs. G. R. Pye, Council Treasurer. At the evening session Miss Marjorie MacKay who drove the

W.M.S. van in the West last summer told many interesting details of her work there.

Mrs. W. T. McLean presided at a regular meeting of Chalmer's Auxiliary, **Hamilton.** The treasurer reported last year's givings the highest in the history of the Society. Miss Annie Ritchie past president of Hamilton Presbyterial gave an inspiring message.

The meeting of the Kate McGregor Auxiliary of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was held on Tuesday evening and was addressed by Miss Lois Tupper, Director of Women's Training School of McMaster University.

The Rev. Allan G. MacKenzie spoke on the influence of women when banded together and how far it went to make the church what it is, at a joint meeting of the Senior Auxiliary and the Mildred Soutar Auxiliary of Erskine Presbyterian Church in January. He also installed the officers, Miss Grace Pringle is president of the Senior Group and Mrs. John M. Wilson of the Mildred Soutar Auxiliary.

Mrs. J. E. Clare was the recipient of an Honorary Life Membership presented at the annual meeting of the Hamilton Presbyterial. Mrs. Clare has held various offices in the Presbyterial and this new honour testifies to her loyal and faithful years of service for her Master.

Huron Presbyterial—The annual executive meeting of Huron Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Clinton,** in early January. In speaking on, ''What do missions mean to us personally?'' Mrs. Gordon Bisset Presbyterial President, suggested that the church should place more emphasis on the value and need of work in the mission fields. Reports of all departments were most encouraging. Miss A. M. Toll, Blyth, led the devotions at the afternoon session. The 1952 slate of officers was installed by Mrs. D. J. Lane, Clinton. Mrs. Bisset accepted the presidency for another year.

London Presbyterial—The 38th Annual Meeting of the London Presbyterial was held January 24th in Chalmers Presbyterian Church, **London,** Mrs. J. R. Waldie presiding. The general theme, ''The Living Church'' was divided into three periods. At the morning session the thought ''Believing'' was taken by Alma St. St. Thomas Auxiliary members and at the evening session ''Witnessing'' taken by Mrs. Welker, Presbyterial vice-president. Secretarial reports were most encouraging. The allocation was over subscribed by over $700.00. Mrs. J. A. Elliott, historian told of the 65th anniversary of West Lorne. The Auxiliary on this occasion was entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Bruce at Wallacetown where Miss Annie McColl, London, a charter member was a special guest. From the girls' Organization secretary, Mrs. A. R. Leigh we heard that the C.G.I.T. group of St. George's Church, Mrs. Leonard Scollick, leader, had become a Chevron group. Congratulations! Miss Anderson's address is summed up in her quotation in closing. Miss Anderson is on furlough from British Guiana. ''Sudden, before my inward open vision; Millions of faces crowded up to view, Sad eyes that said, for us there is no provision, Give us your Saviour too. Give us, they cry, your cup of consolation. Never to our outreaching hands 'tis passed. We long for the desire of every nation, and oh, we die so fast.'' Representing Council executive, Mrs. D. F. Hazell gave a comprehensive outline of Supply work and its many phases: of the unexpected demands and how they are met. Mrs. J. R. Waldie was re-elected Presbyterial president for the ensuing year.

New St. James Afternoon Auxiliary, **London**, paid tribute to a past president and an Honorary President of London Presbyterial, Mrs. D. Laird Campbell of Mosa Burns who passed away in her 104th year. In a letter of thanks from Miss Winnifred Ferguson for Christmas gifts sent to Penmarvian Home, Paris, she made the members of New St. James Women's Missionary Society feel this tangible gesture had been a very worthwhile piece of home missionary work.

At a supper meeting held at Hamilton Road Church, January 28th, six teen-age groups were represented: Glencoe, Port Stanley, New St. James, Chalmer's, Hamilton Road and St. George's. Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary led in a sing-song followed by a discussion period.

Niagara Presbyterial—With a courageous, eventful and enterprising year behind it, the new Niagara Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society proved itself as a full fledged working unit at its first annual meeting held in Knox Church, **St. Catharines.** All reports were most encouraging and showed strong ground work laid for the coming year. Mrs. J. M. Dickson, St. David's was re-elected president. An Honorary Membership was presented to Mrs. J. J. McLean. The allocation in this new Presbyterial was exceeded by almost $600.00. Among the special guests present were, Mrs. Fee of the D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa; Miss Lily Macarthur; Mrs. J. G. Inkster and Mrs. W. H. Fuller of Jarvis. Copy of this Niagara Presbyterial went out to nine newspapers and was carried over the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls radio stations.

The C.G.I.T. of **Dunnville** Presbyterian Church observed their youth week service on Sunday, February 10th with Mrs. R. Wilson of **Welland** as special speaker. The theme for the evening was, ''Stand fast in the faith.'' Following the church service the group held their affiliation service with the Dunnville Women's Missionary Society by enacting their customary candlelighting ceremony.

Paris Presbyterial—The 67th annual meeting of Paris Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church was held in St. Paul's Church, Ingersoll on Thursday, January 17th. The theme of the meeting was, ''The World for Christ.'' Mrs. G. D. Johnston, Presbyterial President, presided at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Encouraging reports were presented by all departments. The treasurer reported the allocations exceeded by over $200.00. As guest speaker, Miss Ellen Anderson, on furlough from British Guiana gave a splendid review of the work being carried on there: the evangelistic work in the schools and Sunday Schools: the women's work: open air work and of the visiting in the hospitals and prisons. Miss Anderson's earnest plea was for more workers. Rev. J. P. Schissler installed the officers for the ensuing year, Mrs. G. D. Johnston being re-elected Presbyterial president. All Churches but one in the Paris Presbyterial were representd at the meeting. An invitation to hold the June Conference in Simcoe, was accepted. Rev. G. W. Murdock, minister of the church closed this meeting with prayer.

Sarnia Presbyterial — Miss Ellen Anderson, home on furlough from British Guiana, told of her work there when she addressed the 38th annual meeting of Sarnia Presbyterial, held in **West Adelaide** Church. Mrs. P. J. McEwen, president, presided. An honorary life membership was bestowed on Mrs. R. B. Ross by Sarnia Presbyterial in appreciation of many, many years of faithful work. Special thanks was given to the retiring president, Mrs. McEwen. Rev. J. Williams installed the officers for the ensuing year.

Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, **Sarnia** had a candlelighting ceremony and tea at their January meeting which proved most successful.

Stratford Presbyterial—Progress in the various departments of work in Stratford Presbyterial was shown in the reports presented at the morning session of the annual meeting held in Knox Church, **Stratford.** Mrs. James Erskine, **Monkton,** the President of the Presbyterial, presided. An award was made to the Cromarty Mission Band, as being the most progressive in the presbyterial. The *Glad Tidings* secretary reported an increase of 98 subscribers since the opening of the New Year. Mrs. Erskine, who for 45 years has served in different offices, in retiring from the presidency, said her heart had been gladdened by the number of young people stepping into membership. Mrs. Russell Ballantyne is the new Presbyterial president. As speaker of the afternoon Dr. K. H. Palmer of Avonton Church, voiced the opinion that if people would read the letters of the Apostle Paul to the early church they would gain inspiration and guidance. The Presbyterial accepted an increased allocation for 1952. Registration showed 80 representatives in attendance at this inspiring meeting.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual Meeting of Toronto and Kingston Synodical Society will be held in St. Andrew's Church, **Lindsay,** April 22, 23, 24. The Billeting Convener is Mrs. G. W. Keith, 23 Adelaide St. N., Lindsay. Information re transportation may be obtained from Mrs. Percy Ranson, 254 Briar Hill Ave., Toronto 12.

Toronto East Presbyterial—The annual meeting of Toronto East Presbyterial was held in Rogers Memorial Church. After a devotional period conducted by Rev. J. M. Milroy and words of welcome by Mrs. W. Harris, president of the local auxiliary, Mrs. A. S. Curr brought greetings from Toronto West Presbyterial. In his message the Rev. W. C. McBride recalled the missionary conference of 1938 which challenged the whole church with a great opportunity and asked the question, ''Have we indeed been vigorous in our opportunity or have we laid emphasis on Finance rather than on the Message?'' On Friday morning after hearing the remaining reports Miss Whale, Editor of *Glad Tidings,* gave a short talk on her work which was instructive and challenging to her listeners. The election and installation of officers was conducted by Mrs. A. W. Pae, President of Council.

Toronto West Presbyterial—On January 8th a hundred and fifty women gathered in **Woodbridge** Presbyterian Church to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the local Women's Missionary Auxiliary organized on January 8th, 1902. Included among the guests were many former members, representatives from other auxiliaries of Woodbridge Anglican and United Churches. Following words of welcome by the President, Mrs. N. Garrioch sang, ''Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus.'' Mrs. J. W. Dalzell had sung this as the auxiliary's first solo in 1902. The guest speaker was Mrs. J. Burnett, Welcome and Welfare Secretary of Council Executive. In a charming manner she called attention to the significance of the words ''gold'' and ''golden'' in the Bible, and related them to the Golden Anniversary being celebrated. The secretary, Mrs. H. Watts, read the history of the auxiliary including the minutes of the first meeting. One of the three charter members still living, Mrs. J. Phillips of Woodbridge was present and was presented with a corsage. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of the Presbyterial brought greetings and spoke briefly.

The annual meeting of **Toronto West Presbyterial** was held in Runnymede Church on February 7th and 8th. The theme chosen was ''Look upward, press onward, step forward.'' In the first session on Thursday afternoon a message of greeting was brought by Mrs. A. W. Pae president of the Women's Missionary Society, (W.D.). Mrs. Pae then introduced the speakers of the afternoon—Miss Ruby Walker—Regional secretary; Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary; Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Children's Work Secretary; Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary; Miss Mary Whale, Editor, *Glad Tidings.* These secretaries presented their work in the form of a very interesting panel discussion which was very well received by the meeting. The evening speaker was Rev. A. H. McKenzie, minister of Islington Church. Mr. McKenzie brought a spiritual and encouraging message showing that no matter what difficulties we may have to face in our work if we present a Christian and missionary witness to the world nothing can stop it. Friday morning was given over to business, reports and discussions, and a very profitable time was spent. Miss Ruby Walker, regional secretary spoke to the reports and in her own special and kindly manner made us to see where we had failed and where we had much room for improvement at the same time giving commendation for work well done. The note of the closing session on Friday afternoon was ''My presence shall go with thee'' Exodus 33:14. Mrs. Glenn Thompson brought greetings from the Synodical Society of Toronto and Kingston and conducted the election and installation of officers. The closing message presented by the Presbyterial President, Mrs. A. S. Curr was based on the words, ''Our eyes are upon Thee'' II Chronicles 20:12. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. W. Currie minister of Runnymede Church.

The day following the Annual meeting a girls' rally sponsored by Toronto East and West Presbyterials was held in Rogers Memorial Church with afternoon and evening sessions. The theme was ''Stand fast in the faith,'' and 107 girls registered. Girls and leaders attended the Sunday morning church service in Rogers Memorial Church.

The Annual Presbyterial meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Lindsay.** Special speaker was Miss Louise Reith, M.A., ''Through grants to Christian Literature,'' she said, ''the Christian message is sent to China, Africa and Latin America. Here in Canada Presbyterians serve the Chinese, Indians and conduct work in two large cities.

They have several years sent Vans to North Western parts of Canada, and support a port-worker as well as the regular deaconess and Home Missionary service.'' The president of the Presbyterial, Mrs. J. Cathcart presided and the devotions were conducted in the morning by Bobcaygeon auxiliary, and in the afternoon by Leaskdale Auxiliary. From the reports it was noted while there was a decrease in membership there was no decrease in interest. Glenarm Mission Band won the trophy for this year. A letter was read from the missionary Miss Margaret Leask in India. The supply secretary reported that all the bales were fine but that from Zephyr was worthy of special mention. There was a substantial increase in Life Membership and the treasurer reported $4,165.60 had been raised during the year. Mrs. Cathcart gave as her closing thought, ''There is no greater joy than serving the Lord and I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.''

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial—At the January meeting of the Individual Responsibility Auxiliary of First Presbyterian Church, **Brockville,** Mrs. C. B. Broadbent conducted the devotional period. The first chapter of the new Study Book was presented by Miss Campbell. The paper which was entitled ''Meet the South Americans,'' was well delivered, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

St. Paul's Senior Auxiliary, Kemptville, held its January meeting at the Manse, home of the new president, Mrs. M. N. McDonald. After a short meditation by the President, a worship service with a special New Year's message, and prayer for guidance in the year ahead, was conducted by Mrs. F. Gill. A minute's silence was observed in memory of the late Mrs. D. McCaughey, a faithful member and Life Member for many years. Mrs. McDonald paid fitting tribute to Mrs. Gill for her untiring and efficient leadership as President, during the past eight years, and spoke briefly of the opportunities the New Year presents for increased Missionary service. The offering was received and dedicated by Rev. McDonald, who also installed the officers. A short introduction to the Study Book was given by Mrs. C. Robertson, who felt an interesting year lay ahead in ''Meet the South Americans.''

Montreal Presbyterial—The 38th Annual Meeting of **Montreal** Presbyterial of the W.M.S. was held in Ephraim Scott Memorial Church on February 5th. The President Mrs. Robert McCleery presided. Mrs. J. S. McBride welcomed the members and Mrs. Koffend conducted the Worship Service. The guest soloist was Mrs. Harold Cummings. Miss Ellen Anderson was the guest speaker at the afternoon session, and gave a most interesting and inspirational address on her work in British Guiana. Rev. J. S. McBride opened the evening session with devotions, and also brought greetings as Moderator of the Montreal Presbytery. The speaker of the evening, Wing Commander Rev. James Dunn, Croix de Guerre avec palme, B.A., B.D., described conditions in British Guiana, and stressed the need of missions and workers. The Church choir under the direction of Dr. Barton, sang the anthem, ''The Radiant Morn.'' The reports of the Treasurer, Secretaries and Departmental Secretaries showed substantial increases both in membership and in contributions. Mrs. H. I. Fraser presented the report of the Nominating Committee, and the election and installation of Officers for the ensuing year took place under the chairmanship of Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of the Synodical Society of Montreal and Ottawa. Mrs. Robert McCleery, the retiring President, in a few well chosen words thanked the members of the Board and the various Auxiliaries for their co-operation and splendid assistance during her term of office.

Ottawa Presbyterial—The Annual Meeting of Ottawa Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society was held January 21st and 22nd in Knox Church, **Ottawa**, with representatives of Aylmer, Bristol, Fort Colonge, Gloucester, Hawkesbury, Kars, Kinburn, Manotick, Erskine, Knox, St. Andrew's, St. Giles, St. Stephen's, Richmond, Thurso, Torbolton, and Vernon Auxiliaries present. The President Mrs. G. Scott Murray presided, and led the devotions. The President of the Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, Mrs. W. E. Baker, described how the money of the Women's Missionary Society was spent, saying that of every dollar given, 60 percent was spent in Canada, and 40 percent on our overseas missions. Auxiliary reports were given in the afternoon, and in the evening Young Women's and Evening Departments. Rev. George Sparks, Moderator of Presbytery, presided at the evening meeting, and brought greetings from Presbytery. The speaker was Rev. J. Allan Munro, Secretary of the Board of Home Missions, who gave a challenging address entitled ''Reach Up — Reach Out.'' Departmental reports were given the second day, covering an interesting variety of work accomplished, and the Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Good reported that the allocation had been exceeded, and the increased allocation for next year accepted. An invitation extended by Mrs. Harcourt Emra, to hold the next Annual Meeting in St. Andrew's Church, was enthusiastically accepted. Miss Mary Whale, Editor of the *Glad Tidings,* addressed the afternoon meeting, challenging the members to realize what a blessing is ours in the freedom of thought and speech, as expressed in the printed word, and what a responsibility we have, in using that printed word to show the world what we are doing. The Missionary enterprise of our Church is the greatest thing in the world, and if we do not give everything we have to it, we are going to find some other force governing our lives. Miss Whale urged all to dedicate ourselves again, not only to give, but to concentrate on living our missionary beliefs. Mrs. Robert Good presented the report of the nominating Committee, and Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President installed the newly elected officers for 1952. Rev. Colin Miller of Knox Church closed the meeting by pronouncing the Benediction.

Whatever hath been written shall remain,
Nor be erased nor written o'er again;
The unwritten only still belongs to thee;
Take heed, and ponder well what that shall be.

—Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

January and February, 1952

RECEIPTS:

Ewart Trust Fund, for Education of Candidate	$ 170.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	9,840.40
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	13,813.39
St. Stephen's Sunday School, Ottawa, ‘‘Support of Stephen, Bhil Field’’	15.00
Miss Evelyn Henderson, Toronto, ‘‘Scholarship for Louise Marglinya, Bhil Field’’	65.00
A Friend, Eyebrow, Saskatchewan	25.00
A Friend, through Burns Church, Ashburn, ‘‘Support of Indian girls’’	15.00
A Friend	40.00
A Friend	1,000.00
Fairview Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Vancouver, ‘‘Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home’’	50.00
M.L.F., ‘‘Christian Literature’’	150.00
St. Andrew's Missionary Association, Lethbridge, Alberta, ‘‘Supply’’	56.00
‘‘Tyndale House’’	56.00
‘‘Mobile Clinic, Bhil Field’’	56.00
Beaverton Church Sunday School, ‘‘Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home, and Hostel, Bhil Field’’	17.84
Robertson Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Vancouver, ‘‘Scholarship Fund, Bhil Field’’	10.00
Special Offering through Fidelis Auxiliary, Dovercourt Road, Toronto, ‘‘Christian Literature’’	20.00
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church Sunday School, Lethbridge, ‘‘Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home’’	26.08
Last Lake Ladies' Aid, refund on organ	50.00
Miss Joan Rochemont, Dryden, Ontario	10.00
Annuity rate received from worker	20.00
Synodical Givings:	
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Toronto and Kington	2,140.00
Hamilton and London	1,700.00
Montreal and Ottawa	1,300.00
	$30,845.71

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$2,352.62
Hospital Visitors	1,209.04
Deaconesses	320.00
Children's Centre, Vancouver and Tyndale House	867.73
Port Work	385.57
Van Expenses	695.06
National Contingency	11.55
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	333.32
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	12,834.65
Birtle, Government Grant	8,167.21
Overseas Missions:	
Taiwan	59.75
British Guiana	1,554.41
Koreans in Japan	325.00
Training of Nationals	321.00
New Missionary	859.32
Missionary Expenses	660.70
Publications	2,370.83
Organization	2,628.29
Administration	3,916.51
Candidates	5.00
Candidate, Ewart Trust Fund	100.00
Christian Literature	6,075.00
Visual Aids	22.36
Supplies	1,630.18
Hospitalization rates	42.45
Deposited in Canada on request of missionaries	968.25
Cost of Living Bonuses	370.00
Grants	610.00
Insurance and Taxes	497.25
	$50,193.05

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RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Interest	$ 209.25
Legacy Fund—	
Mr. Wylie, ''Ernest Wylie Memorial Fund''	100.00
Payments on Windermere property	50.00
Estate of Mrs. Wm. Archer, through Grace Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Millbrook, Ontario,	
''Van for work in the West''	25.00
''Christian Literature''	25.00
Interest	141.75
Special Fund—	
Payment on loan to Ukrainian Church	116.00
Interest	131.42
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	73.75
	$ 872.17

DISBURSEMENTS:

Legacy Fund—	
Publishing the ''Kuban Cossack Bulletin''	$ 500.00
Special Fund—	
Repairs to Church at East Selkirk, Manitoba	750.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Candidate, Toronto University	150.00
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EDITORIAL

WE have been reading these past several months of the work being done by our missionaries at home and abroad. If we follow our work month after month we must be impressed anew with its wide scope and influence. It is a work that varies from education to evangelism—from association with people of the Orient to the forging of new paths in our own land as we share in the building of a great new Canada. The Christian feels the challenge of this time. God is calling His children as never before to shake off the lethargy which has bound them and kept them from seeing their real task.

We read the stories told by Miss Pelton and Dr. Cameron of their experiences in Formosa and Japan and we feel through them the call to us from those people.

The call is for the young people to man the fields awaiting the sowing of the seed. This month we see the girls who are graduating from the Deaconess School this year, giving themselves to the full-time service of the Church.

The call is for more information, better education — and we read this month of the planning being done for camps for our young people and Vacation Schools for our children. Christian education is a vital part of our work as missionaries.

The call is for greater dedication to the task and we read of the lay meeting in Buffalo where men and women in all walks of life studied "The Christian's Relationship to his daily work". From the story of that conference we know that Christians on this continent and in Europe are facing the real issues of Christian witness within their own private lives and in the places where their lives affect the community.

As we face another annual meeting of our Society we face it with the knowledge that God is calling us to the whole work of His whole Church. The missionary movement is to-day just what it was when Jesus commissioned His disciples long ago. It is the call of His servants to follow Him leaving all worldly things behind—putting our hand into the hand of the Father's and going forward.

Let us all pray and study and work "to show ourselves approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Call Of Formosa

BY LAURA K. PELTON

(The following article represents the opinions and convictions of the writer and she holds no one else responsible for them.)

"I HAVE set before thee an open door." Well might these words, addressed to the Church at Philadelphia, be said to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since our first visit to Formosa in 1948 they have been ringing in our ears and after visiting the Island again in February of this year they ring with an increased intensity and urgency.

We doubt that there is any place in the world today where the door is as wide open as it is in Formosa. After returning from our overseas trip in 1948-49 we endeavoured to say this on many occasions, but we were unable to arouse any appreciable response in our Church. Since the return of our missionaries at the close of the war only two new missionaries have gone to the Island, Rev. L. L. and Mrs. de Groot. We are indeed thankful that there will be new missionaries going from the Women's Missionary Society this summer, but we need more.

Miss L. K. Pelton

From several conversations with people of our Church, we believe we understand the reluctance of our people to respond to the call of Formosa. Several times in speaking of it, the following questions were posed: Do you think it wise to spend money there when the political situation is so uncertain? Is it good strategy to send personnel to Formosa, ask them to spend a couple of years in language study when the chances are they would have to come home before doing any work? Would it not be better in the present situation to place our personnel where we have more certain expectation of tenure of work? The church appeared to get along fairly well by itself during the war—are they not in a position to carry on alone now?

In terms of hard, practical, human common-sense there are no satisfactory answers to the above questions. No one knows what the future holds for Formosa, neither is anyone sure of the future in India. For that matter we are not sure of it in any part of the world today. We would say one word in answer to the question "Did not the church get along very well by itself during the war and could it not do so now". Considering the conditions under which it worked, the church did very well during the war but it was left bereft of many of its leaders, considerably weakened by the long strain and in dire need of guidance and assistance from a more mature church. Moreover, the movement among the tribal peoples has taken on such dimensions that the weakened and immature church in Formosa is unprepared and unable to deal with it adequately.

Of one thing we are certain. The door in Formosa is open. The Presbyterian Church in Canada was responsible for the bringing into being of that part of the church which lives in the north of the Island and the Formosans naturally and rightly look to The Presbyterian Church in Canada to stand by them until they reach a maturity which will enable them to go alone. So long as the door is open it is crystal clear that our obligation is inescapable.

Uncertainty and insecurity are factors in the Church's work throughout the world today. There is only one Christian attitude in the situation and that is that as long as a church is permitted to witness in any area there it should be.

Thousands of young people in Formosa are groping for a faith by which to live. They are plagued by questions whose answers they do not find in Buddhism or Confucianism. The Gospel will receive a hearing almost anytime on a street corner, in a church building or in a home.

The movement among the tribal people is phenomenal; there are thousands who profess themselves as Christians but who, unless they receive sound and sustained teaching as to what Christian faith means for day-by-day living, could well slip back into a state which would be sub-Christian.

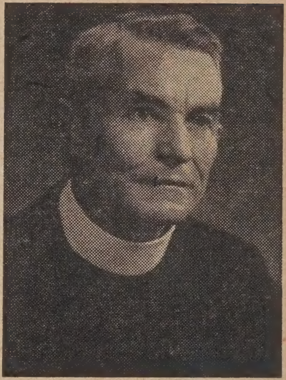
The needs and opportunities of Formosa mean for us an open door. It is quite true that no man knows how long it may be open. It is not our responsibility to know; our responsibility is to make up our minds what we are going to do before an opportunity that we believe God has placed squarely in the hands of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. The call of Formosa is a call to us as Christians to go to this younger Church with money and personnel, with courage and faith to follow the vision of a young Church, alive, growing with a phenomenal movement of tribal people to Christianity and to help them to become strong, vigorous and able for whatever their future may be.

Japan

—As seen by Dr. W. A. Cameron.

DR. W. A. Cameron, Secretary for Overseas Missions of the General Board of Missions described his recent visit to Japan at the annual March meeting of the Board of Missions.

It is thirty-one hours and fifteen minutes from Edmonton, Canada to Tokyo, Japan. "Tokyo is a beautiful city," Dr. Cameron said. He expressed his surprise at seeing so much of it rebuilt. There are beautiful buildings, many large office buildings. The Japanese are very busy and the relationship between occupation force and the Japanese seems to be good. The Americans must be given credit for doing a good job. The Japanese are getting back their sovereignty bit by bit.



Dr. W. A. Cameron

Though the first impression is of a beautiful city, one does not go far before signs of poverty are seen. The streets which are narrow are crowded with people (Japan has a population of eighty million). There are no sidewalks. Cooking is done over a brazier of ashes and charcoal. Dr. Cameron found the country colder than he expected. In the frosty mornings the people would come out of their flimsy unheated houses and make a fire in the street from whatever refuse they could find. There they tried to warm themselves.

The Overseas Secretary enjoyed the experience of sleeping in a Japanese hotel. He found that sleeping on a mattress on the floor was quite comfortable. Shoes are removed at the entrance to dwellings. This is a custom which has become a rule in the interests of cleanliness. Dr. Cameron was quite surprised when a Japanese maid quietly removed slippers that were still on his feet as he sat on the floor for a meal.

Dr. Cameron went to Japan to celebrate with the Koreans the 25th Anniversary of the beginning of our Church's work in Japan. We are working there among

Koreans, an alien people in Japan. The reason dates back to 1925. We had work in Korea but lost it at the time of Union. Many of the workers there were anxious to remain Presbyterian. Dr. Luther Young was one of these and was most anxious to continue his work. So he was sent in 1927 to look over the situation in Japan. He felt that the Church might use him and other missionaries there among the Koreans.

Soon work was started which was greatly disrupted by the war. After the war, the Koreans desired the Presbyterian Church to return and rebuild their Church. Dr. and Mrs. Young returned. They found that they would have to start at the beginning for there were only two buildings and few Christians remaining.

W. E. P. Rumball.

Kobe church taken at the time of dedication January 20, 1952

We are working in Japan with the Korean Christian Church. It is not a Presbyterian Church. In 1934 Dr. Young and those associated with him at that time, entered into an agreement by which the Korean work in Japan (Methodists and Presbyterians came together). The polity of the Church is largely Presbyterian. They have General Assembly, district meetings that correspond to our Presbyteries. We must recognize that it is an autonomous Church, that we are there on their invitation and that when we take action we must consult that Church.

Dr. Cameron paid tribute to the work of Mr. and Mrs. Rumball. With them are some lady missionaries from the Southern and Northern Presbyterian Church and from the Independent Presbyterian Church. These three groups are a real help to us.

We have Korean ordained ministers and a large number of unordained men. There are 22 congregations among the Koreans. We visited 16 of these congregations and that meant a meal and a meeting. How grateful they were that the Mother Church had seen fit to send someone to bring its greetings to the Korean Christians. There are 14 church buildings. The W.M.S. and the Board of Missions have helped to make these buildings possible.

A Picture of Some of the Services

The first was in Osaka, 200 people. Dr. Cameron was impressed with the choir of young people. The music was of a very high order. The people love to sing and they recognize in their singing that they are worshipping the one true God. The elders and deacons help the minister. They ordain women elders, the proportion being equal to the proportion of men and women in the congregation.

The second service was a Dedication Service. No Church in Japan is dedicated before it is free of debt. In the church there were no seats, no heating and no minister. Yet it was dedicated and in the service Dr. Cameron could see that the people realized their privilege in having a rebuilt church.

The third was at Misinara—Wenchi Kim's church. In his church we had a very fine service. Wenchi was very glad to see the Canadians.

The Anniversary Service was held in Kyoto Church. It took place on a Thursday afternoon. The church was filled with 300 people. The minister is an artist. He had arranged the front of the church with banners and flowers in such a way that tribute was paid to Dr. Young and the Mother Church. Again there was a choir of young people. Representatives from the city and from the state were present and gave congratulatory messages.

The Raising of the Beam Service was most interesting. Attached to the beam is a cross. The service is first and then the beam is raised. The minister of the church and his elders are the ones who pull the cross. As it is lifted and while they pull they sing. It was a song of joy for their church which was now taking shape.

The last Sunday was spent in Yokohama. There they are in the act of rebuilding. The congregation sat on the floor. They have a fine young minister and he conducted a good service. In the evening Dr. Cameron attended a House Service in a small community. The people were poor. There were 32 at the service. There was one chair and they gave that to the guest. It was an impressive service for the poverty of the people did not hinder the richness of their devotion to their Lord.

"As for the future: I do not know. I do not fear for the Korean Church but the Koreans are aliens in a land where they are not wanted and very soon Japan will gain power and then we cannot tell what will happen. Whatever happens, we owe a debt of gratitude to the Youngs and to the Rumballs who have helped these people find a faith which will go with them whatever happens. We must remember them constantly and work to help them strengthen the Church that it may be a witness in all Japan."

W. E. P. Rumball

A choir of young people "they love to sing".

Spring is Here!

I wandered forth, after the rain,
Along a quiet country lane,
And watched the April sun appear—
Its presence whispered, ''Spring is here''.

The lilies lifted their timid heads
Beneath the shade of the trees. They spread
A fragrant perfume far and near,
Which carried a message—''Spring is here''.

And wooed by the gentle, balmy breeze
The buds were bursting on the trees,
And the odor of balsam was wafted wide—
Far and away o'er the countryside.

The birds poured forth their tuneful lay
As if with me they longed to say
''Rejoice! Be glad! And have no fear!
The Winter's past! The Spring is here!''

My heart was stilled as I looked around—
The Creator's power in all I found;
And my voice rang out in a song of cheer:
''Earth's Resurrection Day is here!''

May C. Smith.

Deaconess Graduates, 1952

Mrs. G. R. Ralston, Principal of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, tells us about this year's graduates.

Grace Baron of Carberry, Manitoba, was born at Lucky Lake, Saskatchewan. She received her high school education at Carberry. Before commencing the course at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Miss Baron manifested her interest and loyalty in the local church in various phases of its activity including choir, Sunday School and young people's work. She was also a member of the Provincial Executive of the Manitoba Young People's Society. During two summers she served under the Women's Missionary Society in Western Canada. In the first year of her course Miss Baron won the Scholarship for General Proficiency.

Hazel Turnbull of Hartney, Manitoba, was born at Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. She received her high school education at Hartney, Manitoba. Miss Turnbull studied for two years at Brandon College before entering the Missionary

Miss Grace Baron

Miss Hazel Turnbull

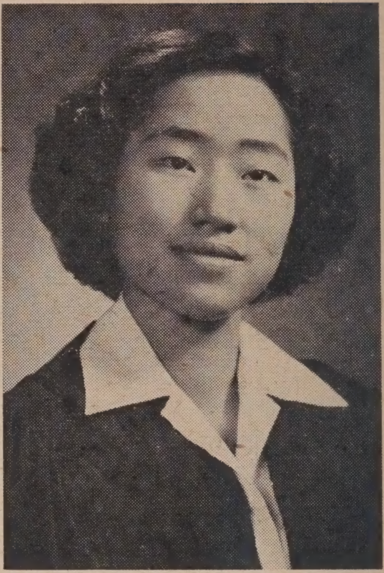
and Deaconess Training School. Miss Turnbull's activities in the local church included Sunday School, Mission Band and young people's work. One summer she served under the Women's Missionary Society in southern Saskatchewan, the next summer under the Board of Missions in Saskatoon Presbytery.

Agnes McLeod of Kenora, Ontario, was born at Stenen, Saskatchewan. She received her high school education in Kenora. Miss McLeod was active in all phases of the work of the local church, especially in the Young People's Society, choir and Sunday School. She gave up an attractive position of great responsibility with a business firm to prepare for her chosen work by taking the Missionary and Deaconess Training School course. During two summers she has been in the employ of the Women's Missionary Society at Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, and Sudbury, Ontario. Miss McLeod was the winner of a General Proficiency prize in her second year. She is under appointment with the Women's Missionary Society and after graduation will commence her duties in Toronto East Presbytery.

Miss Agnes McLeod

Betty Sutherland, nee Grant, was born in Galt, Ontario, where she received her public and high school education. She, too, gave up a business position to enter the Training School. In her local church she was interested in its various activities especially in Canadian Girls in Training and Young People's work. She was employed by the Board of Missions one summer in Manitoba. Miss Grant won the Scholarship for General Proficiency in the

Mrs. Laurie Sutherland



Miss Katherine Sun

Second Year of her course. Now as Mrs. Laurie Sutherland of Rocky Mountain House she has completed extra-murally the requirements for graduation.

Katherine Sun was born in Nanking, China. Later she moved to Kunming where she received her elementary and high school education as well as two years' university work. Miss Sun taught for two years in a Christian Primary School before coming to Canada on a Scholarship offered by the Women's Missionary Society. After completing one year's study at the University of Toronto she transferred to the Missionary and Deaconess Course.

Geraldine Greer, B.A., of Puslinch, Ontario, received her Senior Matriculation at Guelph Collegiate Institute. She was graduated from Hamilton Normal School and McMaster University. Miss Greer had several years' successful teaching experience before entering the Training School. Her interest in the local church included choir, Sunday School and young people's work. Miss Greer

"A Quiet Place — Apart"

BY MARGARET WEBSTER, B.A., ASSOCIATE SECRETARY,
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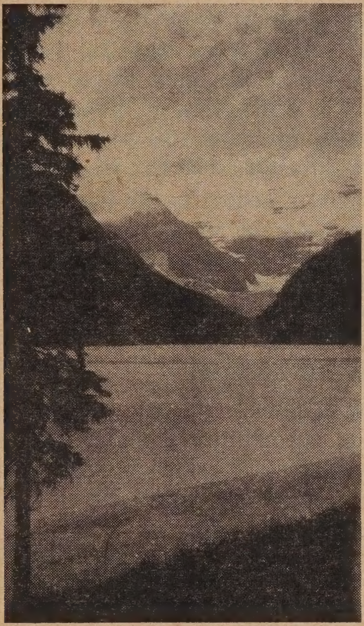


A Quiet Place Apart.

CAMP—To the camper

the word holds magic. It means
warm sunshine;
merry laughter;
a dip in cool clear water;
campfires;
the power that comes from the "practice of the presence of God" in morning watch or evening vespers;
friends—new friends and old—friends with whom to laugh and sing, work and play, study and worship;
a hike, the song of a bird, the chirp of a cricket who dares to break the silence of the star-lit night.
All these—and more—are enfolded in the magic of the word.

It is a magic that none should miss for its joys linger on long after the experience is passed.

CAMP—To parents

is a stage in the growth of John and Mary. Camp is progress, for it takes youth one step further towards the mature independence of the adult.

To some parents, who long to cling to the child of yesterday, it may even bring pain—but it is a pain tinged with pride. The child of yesterday is now ready to venture forth on his first voyage into freedom. The preparatory training of home will be given its preliminary test to see whether it is fitting him for adult life in a demanding 20th century.

Yet *this* venture into freedom is the wisest and safest for the test, for at camp, at the side of the young traveller, stand wise counsellors ready to grant independence where independence can be borne, but ready also to lend a helping hand where knowledge, and experience, and faith are not yet sufficient for the journey.

CAMP—To the Christian educator

is an opportunity to be grasped.

Here is the continuous opportunity to practise the presence of God.
  At camp His wonder is revealed in all His creation round about.
  At camp His presence can be known in the silence—away from the rush of ordinary life.
  At camp the teachings of His Son are so full of meaning, for He speaks of the beauty of the lily, His Father's watchful care of the sparrow, the Sower and His seed.

Here is the opportunity for worship in the out-of-doors.
  The day is begun with the singing of a hymn—
    "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation".
  The morning is richer for the quiet of the period of Morning Watch.
  The evening air is filled with the song of Vesper hymn.
  The day is ended with the silence of prayer beside a campfire.

Here is a solid hour every day for the study of God's Word.
  The value of that daily study can multiply a hundred-fold the weekly Church school effort.
  The intimacy of the small group of campers with its adult leader can lead to discussion of the very basis of our Christian faith.
  The questions and problems of youth here can be examined in the light of Biblical truth.

Here is the opportunity to have practice in living as Christians in a Christian atmosphere.

At camp the fellowship and example of Christian leaders has significant influence on the lives of campers.

In camp the professional Church worker—secretary, deaconess, minister or missionary—becomes a person in the eyes of campers, a person in whom to confide and trust.

In camp cabin or tent the camper learns to be considerate of the wishes and needs of fellow campers.

CANADIAN CHURCH CAMPS—In 1952
will give to the Church new opportunities for Christian witness, and to campers new joy, fresh inspiration and deeper faith.

A Thank You Letter

Some months ago our Society sent a gift to Woman's Union Missionary Society for use in their hospital in Jhansi. On many occasions our missionaries had received favours from this hospital. Indian people had also been taken care of there. The W.M.S. has also sent personnel to the Jhansi Council during the touring season.

Dear Friends,

THROUGH our missionaries in Jhansi, India, we have learned of your kind gift of $100.00 sent on behalf of your missionaries in Jhansi for the benefit of our mission hospital.

These unexpected gestures of friendliness and gratitude do indeed warm our hearts at the home-end as well as give encouragement to our missionaries on the field.

We do want you to know how deeply this gift was appreciated. Our missionaries have repeatedly written us of the fine fellowship and co-operation in the Lord's work which they were enjoying with the workers of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Jhansi.

You will be happy to know that an electric fan for the children's ward at our Jhansi Hospital was purchased from your gift and Dr. Robson has written us of the comfort this has given the little ones during the hot days. They never had the luxury of a fan in the children's ward before, so you can realize how happy they are for the comfort it brings.

Cordially yours,

Ellen M. Colson,

Woman's Union Missionary
Society of America.

The Christian And His Daily Work

THERE is a movement in the Christian world to-day which if taken seriously by men and women in all walks of life, will prove most effective in the building of a Christian World. It is a movement calling men and women to *live* the religion they profess—to live it in every aspect of their daily life. It is not a new movement in any of its aspects—but it is a renewal of the realization that if we obey God's will there is nothing we cannot accomplish.

To implement the spread of this movement, a North American Lay Conference on the Christian and his daily work was called to meet in Buffalo, N.Y., late in February. Your Editor was privileged to be a delegate representing The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

This was the Call that went out to all who were attending as delegates:

"The Christian today lives and works in a world in turmoil. Rapid economic and industrial changes and the conflict of incompatible views of life and ways of living engulf men everywhere. Uncounted numbers of people are suffering hunger, hardship, frustration and deprivation. In our part of the world we enjoy a level of well-being and of freedom which countless others lack; but here, too, we live amidst wars and rumors of wars and the perplexity and uncertainty of a world in upheaval.

"The answer forthcoming from Christians must be a vigorous faith in God related to their daily living. This means to live as Christians in our daily work, since work in shop and office, classroom and store, farm and home occupies much of our time. Here and in other lands Christians are finding power in their faith and in a new sense of vocation in Christian living.

"This Christian vocation requires responsibility to God in the decisions and relationships of daily work. It demands that the work which people do be examined searchingly in the light of Christian faith. It calls for a scrutiny of the motives which control people as lawyers and doctors, business men and teachers, employers and employees, farmers and housewives. It necessitates a new conception of the place of the Christian Churches in the occupations of their lay members."

The people of Europe have long been aware of the strength of a lay movement. Before the war, there existed in Germany a lay movement whose loyal supporters during the war suffered great persecution. Dr. Reinold Von Thadden, a leader of a lay movement in Germany (Kuchentag) was a guest of the Conference. He told how lay people of Germany showed loyalty to their Church during the Nazi Regime — "Something happened," Dr. Von Thadden said, "which can never be erased from German Protestant history." They believed that God lives and speaks. They listened to the voice of the Good Shepherd and obeyed it. This movement was an important instrument in breaking through the totalitarian system of the Third Reich. Following the war, during which he suffered as a prisoner of the Russians—he reorganized the German lay movement. At the meetings which are held annually the attendance is in the hundreds of thousands. They hold study groups which are attended by 15,000 people. These groups work together to find a solution to the problems that are facing the German people. "They work to solve problems in the light of the Word of the Lord." They cast out any suggestion of departing from the stand that a Christian layman is working towards a holy order.

Dr. Hendrik Kraemer of Geneva, Switzerland, Director-General of the Ecumenical Institute, World Council of Churches spoke about the lay movement in Europe:

"Nearly four years ago it was at the Ecumenical Institute, in a small conference of responsible leaders of lay-movements in various countries, presided by myself, that for the first time the idea was discussed to have a conference of lay people, i.e., of people in secular jobs, in order to tackle specifically the question of the responsibility and issues the lay-members of the Church have to face in their secular life. It was felt that a new field of bringing the Christian faith to bear on the life in the world and of the world, was opening up before us.

"It was decided to bring this matter up at the First Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Amsterdam, and this happened, in fact, in the report of the Committee on Laymen's Work, which recommended strongly that the World Council of Churches should regard this as a matter of universal concern of the participating churches. The World Council of Churches did so, and suggested large-size regional Lay-Conferences, in the five continents if possible, but in the first place in Europe and North America. The Ecumenical Institute was commissioned to prepare an European Lay Conference of this kind. This took place last year in Bad Boll in Germany."

The theme of the meeting was laid before the delegation by Dr. Robert L. Calhoun, Professor of History and Theology, Yale University:

"Religion should be an integrating force. But today too often it fails. It fails partly because, as always, there are too many gods competing for human devotion—gods of nations, race, class, or party. And it fails because instead of pervading and claiming the whole of human life, religion too often claims only a part. It becomes mainly an affair of the clergy, not of laymen, who are the overwhelming majority of mankind. It tends to be an affair of Sunday, not weekdays, of church and not of farm, office, and factory, where most men spend most of their adult lives. There is vital need to realize in thought and practice the great doctrine that all servants of God in some sense are priests, and that every man's daily work should be his Christian vocation. It should be the active, practical expression of his worship of God.

"Genuine religion is never a calculated tactic or a routine formality. It is a profound and total answer, involving a man's whole self to the presence of a Being that appears to him overwhelmingly great and good—a Being that confronts him with staggering power, truth, and inescapable demand for integrity and devotion in all that he is and does. Whether he meets God first in church or in his home, in the laboratory or at the work-bench or in the responsiblities of citizenship, he will find himself humbled and constrained to worship as best he can. And his moments of worship—if they are real and not merely formal will seek expression again and again in devoted work, his own way of affirming in active practice the reality of his vision and his faith. Such work is not something separate from his religion, any more than hands are separate from mind and heart. Devoted work is the very flesh and bone of living religion, without which worship cannot live and grow."

Men and women in many occupations and professions talked and listened through four days of meetings. It was a time of great fellowship. The labouring man, the manager, the industrialist, the doctor, the teacher, the housewife, met and talked as Christians about Christianity. They talked in plain, simple, direct language. When the meetings concluded they had evolved this message:

The Christian and His Daily Work

We have been inspired at the North American Lay Conference on the Christian and His Daily Work, held in Buffalo, N.Y., February 21-24, 1952.

At the outset let us say we caught a new vision of our daily work as we studied it in the light of God's will and purpose.

Our Feeling of Humility. We are very humble as we realize that we have been working too much for ourselves and not enough for God and for our fellow-men. In fact, we have often worked without even trying to relate our work to God's will and plan or relying on Him for power.

God at Our Work Bench with Us. No job can bear its best fruit, whether on the farm, at the office, in the factory, in the home or wherever we work, unless our work is done with the feeling that God stands at our work with us. When He is with us, there is honour and dignity and spiritual value in every job, no matter how humble.

Making the Most of Our Talents. God has given to each of us special talents. It is good if our work gives us a chance to make full use of these talents. But whatever our job may be, we should use as many of our talents as we can, and as well as we can. As we apply our talents we will grow. The Bible tells us that it was in home and carpenter shop that Jesus "grew in wisdom and stature." We can be sure we are in the right job for us when we are growing in our capacity to serve and to do good.

Integrity in Our Work. It is our duty to know that we are building for God and that we are enlisted in the service of our fellowmen. This means that we must work faithfully, diligently, and with integrity. In the life of Jesus we find the perfect example. He worked with a real vision of God's purpose in everyday life and with a feeling of deep responsibility. For He knew that He was working for mankind and the building of God's Kingdom.

Working as Brothers. God's purpose in our work can be achieved only when we regard all workers as our brothers, caring for the other fellow, trying to understand him and his problems, and giving him a lift whenever we can. We must be workers together and co-workers with God.

The Dignity of the Worker. Every worker is a child of God. One of the glories of our Christian heritage is that it recognizes the value of the human being and his dignity as a worker. That is why the Church member must criticize and seek to improve any system in which human freedom and human dignity are impaired, for such impairment is contrary to the purpose of God.

A Thrilling Challenge. Any man can work at a job. But none of us, unaided, can meet the Christian standards of workmanship. Life is a serious business, and living it as a Christian is hard. God requires of us:

1. That we work in partnership with Him and in accordance with His laws.

2. That we work unselfishly for the good of our fellow man.

3. That as members of the Church we search our minds and hearts as we seek to live up to the highest standards which Christ taught us.

With the help of God and the Christian fellowship, we are determined to work these ideas out in our occupations, realizing the cost. We call all laymen to join us in this task.

Camp Scene

—A report of camp given by Ruth Smith at Toronto West Presbyterial Rally.

I CANNOT thank the Missionary Society of our church enough for sending me to Glen Mohr Presbyterian Camp. I really had a wonderful time. I thought at first that I would feel out of place and lonely as I did not know any of the girls, but the moment I met the leaders and campers waiting for the bus, I began to feel at home. The campers were so friendly and the leaders so helpful that first day I felt I had known them for a very long time.

I cannot begin to tell you all the wonderful things we did at camp, so I decided to pick one day and tell you everything we did in that one day.

After our morning watch came breakfast and then, after the fags had done the dishes, we had our Bible Study. In our Bible Study course we were discussing and reading about the prophets of the Old Testament.

When Bible Study period had ended we had our morning interest groups.

Our cabin had chosen leathercraft for their interest group that morning and some of the girls had made change purses, pencil cases, identification tags and belts. The bell for the end of leathercraft always seemed to ring too soon, as the girls were very interested in their work.

Next, after crafts, came morning swim. On the raft everyone had so much fun that no one wanted to come out of the water.

Dinner came next, and the meals, cooked by Mrs. Ramsy, were very appetizing. After dinner came tuck, and then rest hour.

Junior swim began after rest hour and then came general swim. In junior swim anyone who wanted to learn how to swim was present and we learned how to float properly.

After swim came the afternoon interest groups in which I took operetta. This was our last practice, for that night at campfire, we were to put it on. The name of the operetta was "Jeanie".

Next came supper and then a dress rehearsal for our group, and then campfire.

Our operetta was then produced which went off very nicely, considering we hadn't had much practice.

Taps were next with snack being served in the cabins afterward. After snack we had prayers and then the bell rang for lights out.

I have given you only one day but each of the other days was just as full of fun and interesting things. I found it very educational and I know we can use some of the ideas in our C.G.I.T. group.

INDIA—THE JHANSI FIELD

A Study In Evangelism In Jhansi, India

Miss Hazel V. Reaveley

IN reporting on our work for this past year it is necessary to make clear the basis on which we began our work in Chirgaon in July 1950. Just a year later, in July of 1951, we made a switch over in our approach that places our present working programme in a different category.

As reported last year, we began working in Chirgaon among a mass movement group dating back 50 years. Up until July of 1951 we concentrated entirely on this group, visiting them daily in their homes. We tried to teach some of the women to read, in order that they might themselves have access to the Gospels, but in this direction we met with little success. During the first three months of the year we had working with us a preacher who came from a sweeper mass movement group in Moradabad. For a time he conducted a daily class with the children and worked among the men. He had come to us on a three month agreement and returned to his own home in the middle of April.

Stating it in a very simplified way, a mass movement group might be defined as a number of people, members of the same caste group, who decide as a group to become Christians; and the initial decision often being made by one man who later brings his whole group along with him. There have been such group movements in different parts of India and within a number of different outcaste groups. There are areas to-day in which a village Christian community is to be found that has emerged from the group movement. However, these group movements have not been without radical weaknesses. It may be that in some cases they had no real spiritual origin; in others, a case of having been left unshepherded at the critical period when they should have been thoroughly taught. To-day in looking at the thirty or forty years backwash of some such group movements one sees a complete lapse back into Hinduism (If indeed the group ever made any real break in the first place.) The result has been a tragic sterility in the village Christian Church.

After eight or nine months' intensive work with the Chirgaon group we felt we had to accept the fact that this group was of the sterile order. During the first week in April we called Mr. Stuti Frakash for a series of special meetings. He is a district superintendent with the American Friends Mission and has had years of experience in village work. He conducted meetings every evening with this group and visited with them during the day, but without response. However, we had opportunity to learn something of his method of approach and greatly appreciated the time he spent with us. Following these meetings Miss Lal and I continued working among the sweepers postponing a definite decision concerning any change until after the summer vacation. For a few weeks after our return in July we continued our visits to these people but saw no hope of any response. We therefore decided to turn our full attention to a new programme with another group of people.

Our choice of programmes was based in part on a plan being followed by our neighbouring mission which is engaged in evangelistic work among the Hindus. The concentrated work is done with the chamars, an outcaste group who outnumber any other caste or outcaste group in the United Provinces. The programme involves a presentation of the Gospel to this group of people in every village in their area. It is up to those who are presenting the message to learn to discern who among their hearers are the responsive individuals and to follow them up.

From July through until the end of October Miss Lal and I worked almost exclusively among the chamars in Chirgaon. There has been a fair response from this group in that they have been interested listeners.

At the beginning of November we added an evangelist and his family to our numbers and also one of the Bible students from our Jhansi School. This student was sent to our Bible School by the American Methodist Mission and comes from a chamar group movement in Bihar. The addition to our group of these two evangelists has been a help and encouragement to us.

We much appreciate the new car granted to us for our district work, a Commer Van purchased in Delhi in October. It has made it possible for us to implement the programme for our work which our new plans entail. The old Ford we were using has since been sold. We are happy too to have been successful in obtaining a very competent Christian driver just exactly at the time that we needed him most. Since our living quarters in Chirgaon are all rented it was necessary to find a garage. We discovered a mud hut close by, had one wall knocked out and replaced it with a set of garage doors. Having obtained the car and having added the two evangelists to our number we set out on several explorative trips north of Chirgaon. One of these took us to a large village called Bhander about 13 miles away. We found two chamar groups in this village and the response there was such that we felt we should continue regular visits. We have also recently discovered another village off the main road two miles away from Chirgaon, in which there is a large chamar group, probably about 60 or 70 families. During the months of November and December we alternated our time between the Chirgaon and Bhander chamar groups. We are planning to add this third village Jeriayi to our itinerary.

These chamar groups are Hindus and have no Christian history or background. We are not now approaching groups who have at any time in the past made a decision to enter the Christian fold. In making an approach to a new group an initial period of time is spent in contacting the group as a whole, getting into as many of the homes as possible. Some will show an interest and make a response and some will not. That means that after several months of regular visits the choice is made of the responsive individuals and after that the time is spent with them. Our plan is to make a continuing outreach one by one to new villages, while at the same time keeping up a regular contact with those responsive individuals in the places already contacted. As things stand now we are following up several individuals in the Chirgaon chamar group and several others in both the Bhander groups. Jeriayi is the newest village on our itinerary and, if any reasonable response is shown will be the centre of our intensive effort for the next few months.

Miss Miriam Lal continues to take the major responsibility in our contacts with the villagers, both women and men. Her manner with them and her intimate knowledge of their village language has been an invaluable asset in our approach to these people. In April Miss Lal was also given the responsibility of supervising our Jhansi dispensary and our mission orphans and handling the accounts for both these departments of our work. In September she attended an Adult Literacy Conference in Moradabad.

For several weeks in January we had with us Miss Lily Simpson, and deeply appreciated the assistance and inspiration that she brought to us at that time.

During the past year I have been very much indebted to Mr. A. MacKay for his assistance and co-operation in connection with our work. His driver was put at our disposal whenever we needed him (and we often did) until we were able to obtain one of our own. In connection with many practical details too his advice and help has been greatly appreciated.

Lastly, and most encouraging of all has been the arrival of Miss Agnes Hislop. Her enthusiasm is an inspiration and a lift to our spirits. Already she has spent several week-ends with us in the village and is starting off in making a keen appraisal and study of the task that will soon be her responsibility.

In a report, written by a missionary working in the Nagpur area, and published in a booklet entitled, *The Growing Edge Of The Church,* this statement is made, "We are in the midst of what is a remarkably sterile area in which it takes a good deal of faith to recognize 'growing points' and in which one's conclusions are more negative than positive." I quote the statement because it applies word for word to the area in which we are working. The sterility of this area is a factor that inevitably colours our work and throws in the path of both missionary and national co-workers alike the constant temptation to discouragement. Because this factor looms so large in this area and has over a long period of years it would be no faithful or true picture of the situation to ignore it.

On the other hand there is another factor that is slowly and gradually appearing in this area. That is the sign of a coming break in the villages that may well prove to be the future foundation of a village church. In the area of our neighbouring mission among the chamars there has emerged within the past ten years a group of converts who have definitely broken with their Hindu past. It is the first sign of any real break in this area, and it holds the promise of what is coming.

Helen Macdonald Memorial School

—A report by Miss Edith Magee.

AGAIN our matriculation class made an outstanding record in the final examinations, all but one passing, two coming in First Division and two winning "distinction" in Mathematics.

In all the All-India Sunday School Union examinations our students and teachers have again shown up well. Miss Karuna Huri stood first in the Intermediate Teachers' Certificate; while Sosan Moti Lal of Tenth Class won the gold medal representing first place in the Senior Division.

We give thanks for the profession of faith of seventeen of the Intermediate girls, for the testimonies of all the matriculation class in their purposing to put their lives at the disposal of Jesus Christ, and for the conversion of a sixteen year old Muslim girl who was with us for some four months.

Teacher-Evangelist

Miss Margaret C. Leask, M.A., M.R.E.C.

AFTER attending the first term at language school at Landour I was back in Jhansi for the opening of the school year in July. Language study was dropped completely for two and a half months during the busy opening days of school. Again from the end of September my schedule was partly language study along with a Bible class in the junior section of the school, preparation of work books for Bible classes, and supervision of the science classes. I am looking forward to taking the final Hindi language exams in March and April after which it will be possible to devote full time to the school work.

More science equipment has been purchased during this year and we now have enough to begin with a small group of ninth class girls in July as well as sufficient for the needs of the large junior high school classes. We are trying very hard to get a qualified science teacher but so far have not succeeded and I may have to teach some of the senior science from July.

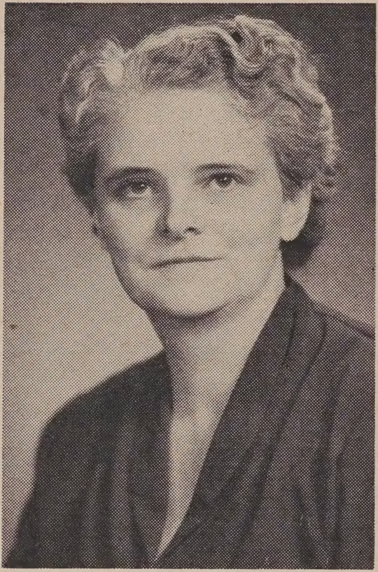
We have succeeded in getting out some mimeographed pupil's work sheets in Hindi for the Bible classes in the junior and intermediate sections and have been using them as quickly as they have been prepared. We hope to get some of the teachers trained in the use of the Hindi typewriter so that this work can be speeded up.

Agnes Hislop

Advance for Agnes Hislop, native of Meath Park, Saskatchewan, who landed in India in the late summer, has been in the realm of language study. In a letter to Miss Pelton she tells that she was able to share in much of the Christmas Service. She has learned the Nativity Story in Hindi and as Christmas plays and pageants were presented she found she could enjoy and share in the lovely celebration of the season.

Though language study is as she says, her whole life in India, Agnes is finding time to get about the country somewhat, to learn more of that great land and to meet missionaries from other Boards. Her letter indicates her very great interest in her life in India and in the work she is preparing to do.

News Notes



Miss Ada E. Adams, B.Sc.

Miss Ada E. Adams, B.Sc., has recently come to Toronto as Children's Secretary for the Ontario Religious Education Council. She came to this work from the Maritimes where she served in a similar capacity.

Miss Adams is well known to Presbyterian W.M.S. members. She has served on our staff in two capacities. First as a missionary to Formosa. When the war forced missionaries to withdraw from that field, she became Children's Work Secretary.

Summer Appointments

Miss Lillian Reay	Northern Ontario
Miss Florence Goertzen	British Columbia
Miss Barbara Harris	Peace River Presbyterial
Miss Norma Kennedy	Rocky Mountain House, Alta.

Prayer List For Missionary Society Members

Prepared by officers of Toronto East Presbyterial

AIMS

1. To establish much needed daily prayer for these missionaries and their work.
2. To familiarize every member and home helper with the missionaries and the work which they help support.

In Toronto East Presbytery there are:

1316 Members and Home Helpers in Senior Auxiliary groups.
476 Members and Home Helpers in Evening Auxiliary Groups.
41 Members and Home Helpers in Young Women's Groups.
Total 1833 Women who could be praying for our missionaries each day.

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
James 5: 16.

How to List—Those responsible for setting up the list in Toronto East made a list of the W.M.S. missionaries and so divided the names that each day of the month, one or two ladies are remembered in prayer.

We have copies of the Toronto East arrangement and Mrs. J. A. Newstead, 5 Nealon Ave., Toronto, Presbyterial President has mimeographed copies of their list.

Suggestions: After lists are prepared, and before they are distributed to the W.M.S. Groups, each group could be assigned with one certain missionary on the list, to take a special interest in that missionary's work. Letters going from a group would give real encouragement to the missionary on the field; any letters which are received could be read and discussed at the monthly meetings. We must remember, however that missionaries are extremely busy people and regular correspondence is impossible.

New Organizations

British Columbia

Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Vernon. Leader, Miss M. Lagan, 3406 - 35th St.

Westminster Presbyterial—C.G.I.T., Bradner. Leader, Mrs. Ruth Heavener.

C.G.I.T., Mission City. Leader, Mrs. J. M. Pollock, Box 1357.

C.G.I.T., second group, St. Paul's Church, Vancouver. Leaders, Miss Marlys Middleditch (Supt.), 1224 - E. 15th St.; Miss Barbara Lord, 7890 French St.; Mrs. G. Kemp, 3358 Oak St.

Alberta

Calgary Presbyterial—Young Women's Auxiliary, Grace Church, Calgary. Pres., Miss Helen Pryde; Sec., Miss Mavis Mortimer, 2209 - 24th St. W.

Macleod Presbyterial—Dorothy Douglas Young Women's Auxiliary, Macleod. Pres., Mrs. T. Boal; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. P. Wallis.

Red Deer Presbyterial—Mission Band, Rocky Mountain House. Leader, Mrs. W. Findlater.

Toronto and Kingston

Barrie Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary, Coldwater. Pres., Mrs. Greta Harvie; Treas., Miss Norma Hall; Sec., Miss Kathleen Galbraith.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY and All-Powerful God, our loving Heavenly Father, from Whom cometh all things great and beautiful, to Thee we bring our grateful thanks as we rejoice again in the wonder and the glory of the returning Springtime in this world of beauty and fertility, which Thou hast created for Thy children. We are awed and humbled before the miracle and the majesty of Thy touch in every growing thing which wakens in due season from the silent soil, in glorious fulfilment of Thy promise of re-birth, and triumph over death. Open our eyes, we beseech Thee, to a deeper realization and appreciation of all those precious gifts of life and living which Thou hast so bountifully bestowed upon us, and teach us to become more worthy of Thy wondrous love and continuing forebearance toward our many faults and failures. Forgive us where we have been indifferent; where we have scorned or doubted; where we have failed to comfort or to understand another's need: where we have thought more of self and less of Thee. Grant to us the vision of Thy redeeming grace for all mankind, and inspire our hearts with the faith that can move mountains, so that, by our prayers and givings, we may speed Thy message unto the farthermost corners of this world, which Thou hast made so beautiful for our earthly dwelling place.

Thou knowest, Oh Father, the many trials and difficulties which beset and surround our missionaries who serve Thee in far-distant lands in these times of turmoil and distress. Be Thou very near to them in all they seek to do for Thee; in all the decisions they must make, and in their hours of loneliness and separation. Guide and support them, and richly endue them with the courage of Thy sustaining power. Strengthen and uphold our Church at home, its ministers and workers everywhere, and bless, we entreat Thee, the aims and projects of our Women's Missionary Society, and all who pray and work together to bring them to completion. May Thy guidance rest very specially this month upon each session of the Annual Meeting of the Council; give wisdom and far-seeing judgment to all those officers and members who meet together to plan for another year the missionary work of the women of our Church, and lovingly bless all those faithful workers, at home and abroad, through whom, if it be Thy will, these plans may be carried out in never-failing confidence and trust.

For all in sorrow or in want, wherever they may be, we would implore Thy comfort and Thy help. To each anxious, seeking soul, grant the tenderness of Thy love and understanding; to each needy heart, the benediction of communion with Thee in prayer, and the benison of Thy peace.

Hear us, Oh Lord, and in Thine infinite mercy grant our petitions, in the name of Thy Beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

TO those who are looking for a book for use in personal reading and which will be valuable in the preparation of Services of Worship we recommend a new book written by Dr. Beverley Ketchen and published by Thorn Press entitled THE HARPER OF THE HILLS.

The author, Dr. Beverley Ketchen, needs no introduction to Canadian Presbyterians as for forty-two years he was the beloved pastor of McNab Street Church in Hamilton, Ontario, has served as Moderator of our Church, and through the pages of *The Presbyterian Record* his messages under the title *The Family Altar* go monthly into many homes.

THE HARPER OF THE HILLS has been published because of the repeated requests of appreciative readers for such a collection of Dr. Ketchen's writings.

The title of the book is that of the first chapter which turns our thoughts to David the shepherd lad who was called to cheer a despondent king. The last chapter *Memories Set to Music* returns to David in the reflections of his later life humbly acknowledging "God's hand in the achievement of his life." The fourteen chapters in between bring many inspiring thoughts. Thoughts which often cause the reader to search his own mind and heart; thoughts which bring comfort and encouragement from the lives of such Bible characters as Ruth, Joseph, Levi, Daniel, Elijah and from the consideration of such subjects as "Self-Revelation", "Covetousness", "The Great Assurance", and "The Transforming Touch".

Throughout THE HARPER OF THE HILLS Biblical illustrations and poetry mingled in Dr. Ketchen's delightful style reveal divine truths in such a way that all who read may understand.

THE HARPER OF THE HILLS by Beverley Ketchen $2.00

Lord, grant that I may seek rather
To comfort than to be comforted;
To understand than to be understood;
To love than to be loved;
for
It is in giving that one receives;
It is in self-forgetting that one finds;
It is in forgiving that one is forgiven;
It is in dying that one awakens to eternal life.

—S. Francis of Assisi.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

WE are near holiday time once more and that is a time when we should take stock of the work done the first half of our year.

Have our meetings improved over last year?

Have we as individuals done anything towards our 10,000 membership objective?

Are all our members reading *The Glad Tidings?*

Are our supplies ready for the bale?

Have you sent your money in to your Presbyterial Treasurer?

Have you had a meeting with your Home Helpers?

Is your Welcome and Welfare Committee looking after new people in your district?

I trust your answer will be yes to all these questions.

Are you looking after your boys and girls, helping them to become interested in the work of our Church missions? One place you can help is by sending some boy or girl to a Church camp. By so doing you will be well repaid when you listen to their report at your September meeting. No where will a boy or girl have such a good time or receive such Christian or missionary teaching as at our Church camps.

Can you afford to miss an opportunity of helping some young person to enjoy Christian fellowship this summer? Even though this is holiday time let us not forget the work of our Society goes on, so let us continue to pray for our Council Meeting this month and for all workers at home and overseas.

In foreign lands they wondered how
Their words that day had power:
At home the workers two or three
Had met to pray an hour.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

Dear Young Women,

THE other day I came across a poem which I felt had significance for each one of us. So much about us is in the process of change that we are apt to feel only the restlessness and confusion of our times, and to think that we are the wanderers, without chart or compass. At such times it is easy to procrastinate or to bemoan our fate.

Well, the writer of these lines had similar feelings, but she faced up to them and out of her thinking came something positive—only a *step* perhaps, but a step in the right direction.

There is an old proverb which reads—

''A journey of a thousand miles
Begins with a single step.''
It's comforting,
It's tempting,
It's challenging!

We pause—and read again the lines . . .
And ask, ''Can this be true?''
Yet there it is.
We know it to be so,
Or how else has progress come?

Still we hesitate.
There's a job to be done, quite new.
Do we dare?
Have we got what it takes?
The unknown . . .
Where will it lead?
The little dark angel
Sits on our shoulder
To chide . . .
To discourage . . .
To laugh!
We meditate . . .

''A journey of a thousand miles''
In friendship . . .?
''Begins with a single step.''
In breaking down prejudice . . .?
''Begins with a single step.''
In inter-racial co-operation . . .?
''Begins with a single step.''
In world friendship . . .?
''Begins with a single step.''
In being a Christian . . .?
This too . . . ''Begins with a single step.''

What steps to take!
Yea, what journeys to start out on!
For they will hold,
Discouragement, challenge, and high adventure.
For all who dare!
''A journey of a thousand miles
Begins with a single step.''
So an old proverb reads.

Janet Nute,
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GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary

THIS seems to be the time of year when we start thinking about our summer plans. With the first bud beginning to open and the first little tulip poking its head through, we begin to feel that it won't be too long before we'll be spending much of our time in the great out-of-doors.

Just about now, families start to discuss the many things they'd like to do this summer and many a meal hour conversation has this for its favourite topic.

Joan and Susan the thirteen-year-old twins immediately start giggling as one of them says "remember the time we thought we were lost in the woods and all the time we were almost right at camp." "Oh yes" says the other "and will you ever forget that awful costume I had to wear, the last night at camp—the night we had the play." Then they both say at once "Mother! Daddy! We may go back to camp this year, may we not! Oh it was the most fun!"

Lucky girls, they'll be going back for another holiday at camp!

Last year, their parents realized how wonderful had been their new experience for their young daughters. They had benefited in so many ways. Each girl had come home much more willing to take care of her own things, and to try to be tidy in her own room. The family had found them both much easier to get along with—they had learned at camp, that important lesson, we all must learn—how to get along and live happily with others. Then, too, the girls seemed

Camp At Roberts Creek, B.C.

to have learned how to love and enjoy life out of doors. A rapt expression could be seen on their faces as they told of "Morning Watch" under the pines, of the hikes along the wooded paths beside the lovely lake—of campfires under the twinkling stars. Camp friendships and shared experiences would make a lasting impression on their lives, their parents realized. Of course they would see that Joan and Susan would go back this year. Lucky are these young girls to have such understanding parents who are able and willing to send their daughters to camp, but what of other girls, who are just as eager and who need this experience to broaden and develop their young lives? What of them?

There would be no finer way for the women of our Church organizations to help the girls' group, than to make it possibble for one or more girls to attend camp. Sometimes the Sunday School officers decide to send a girl also and many fine teachers have been found as a result of girls who had potential leadership qualities, being sent to leadership training camps.

Here we have the answer to two questions which so often arise.

First—How can the Senior Auxiliary help the girls' group?

By sending one or more girls to camp you will do many things—First, you will show your interest in the girls — Second, you will greatly enrich the life of the girl—Third, you will be providing a source of increased interest and enthusiasm in the group.

The second question. Where can we get leaders? The answer. Send reliable young people to leadership camp and you have solved your problem.

On this page are lovely pictures which were taken at camp last year. Just imagine some of *your* young people in these wonderful settings then go to your group and try to make this dream of theirs and yours—come true.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

Camping Echoes

BY MARGARET MACKENZIE

THE birds raised their heads and chirped their wakening notes, to the background music of the swaying trees with rustling leaves and the gurgling brook sparkling in the early rays of dawn. It was the dawn of a new day at Camp.

Jerry, opened one eye, then perchance the other, raised his tousled head in time to hear David gleefully shout—"Oh, Boy—are baby birds ever funny! they don't come with feathers," and almost in the same breath—"the egg was blue but the birds aren't." Jerry bounced out of bed, out the door, scrambling barefooted through the brush to where David stood, large-eyed viewing with great pride a Robin's nest in which nestled three ugly baby birds—beauty to those childish hearts. You see, David and Jerry were only five and they lived in a crowded section of a large city where trees were not and they had never seen a real bird's nest before and certainly not real live baby birds! It was a great awakening of a new part of God's world.

The bell clanged merrily — David and Jerry decided it would be 'their secret' and reluctantly left their young prizes to wend their way to the cabin to get ready for another busy and happy day at Camp.

At Cabin clean-up that morning there was great activity. "I'm going to make my own bed when I go home" announced Jerry, "and our baby's too." "Wait, till I move the minnows before you spill them with that broom," cried David, "Cap, won't take us fishing this afternoon if we have no minnows. We better get them some fresh water." "Won't our leader be happy when she sees her bed."

The cabin neat and tidy, the minnows safely swimming, Jerry and David viewed their work with pleasure and satisfaction and closed their cabin door against intruders.

The whistle blew. "Come on Dave, its time for Discovery Group—to-day we're going to be Explorers—they're people who go out and find new things. To-day we're going into the real woods and see all the things God has made and maybe keep some—are there ever a lot of them—Gee, God must have worked hard." "Yes," said David, "God has made everything beautiful." "That is a verse I learned in Sunday School; but I didn't know He made so many things all beautiful, did you?"

The morning passed all too quickly. The bell pealed forth and eager faces shiny and clean from an hour's swim lined up for it was dinner time.

The whistle sounded shrilly and it was time for rest or what we call at Camp "Horizontal Hour," which Jerry and David found out meant stretched out on your own bed. David and Jerry planned quietly when they would deliver their presents and treat to Mrs. Robin. On the Exploring trip they had found some juicy worms and carried them oh so carefully home for their new found friends in the nest. David decided there and then he would build a bird house in crafts, in fact, Jerry and David decided they could have a house sooner if they both worked together. That is what they did.

The craft period that day

seemed all too short but the boys welcomed the whistle which meant swimming.

Playing on the swings and slide after the swim was fun too. The whistle sounded calling all fishermen; and armed with rod and minnows forth they went with Cap. A while later two small lads stood at the kitchen door their prize in their small hands. "Could you cook these", they chorused, when the smiling cook came to the door. "They will be ready for your breakfast," she said as she held the overgrown minnows in her hands. "Oh, thanks a lot," said Jerry? "Could we have catsup on them," said David. "We'll see," said the cook and off scampered two ardent fishermen.

Supper over it was Chapel Time. We went to the Chapel in the trees to thank God for Camp with all the good things we had enjoyed.

Campfire time. David came dragging a tree many times his size, to the campfire hollow. "Bring my blanket and your head dress," shouted David to Jerry as he started to take the limbs from the tree. "To-night it's an Indian Campfire they're great." Around the fire they talked and laughed sang and heard Indian legends and ate over-cooked marshmallows which were simply "super."

Soon the bell clanged and it was time to end another glorious day of camping.

''Jesus, tender Shepherd hear me,
Guide thy little lamb to-night,
In the darkness be Thou near me,
Keep me safe till morning light.''

The music faded on the clear evening air as weary little feet padded off to slumber.

As two little boys were tucked in that evening, one was heard to say, "I wish I could stay here till Christmas," and another said, drowsily, "I'm going to hide in the real woods when the bus comes to take us home. Gee, I wish Mike and John and all the gang on our street could come to Camp." It was David and Jerry. It had been a good day with God at Camp. As they drifted into dreamland visions of God's great wonders and love filled their every thought.

This summer, Church camps will doubtless be offering the same privilege to children in your community. Are plans being made so that the Junior boys and girls in your congregation can enjoy this happy comradeship with other children?

What fun they can have playing, working and studying together! What satisfaction they can experience learning to live together in peace and harmony! But, above all, how close they can be brought to God, their Heavenly Father, as day by day they join together in Morning Worship, Evening Praise and Bible Study!

Leaders, parents, friends will you help in making camp a reality for the Juniors of your Church this summer?

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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REPORT of Synodical Meeting—Mrs. W. J. Murdoch was re-elected President at the thirty-eighth annual meeting of the British Columbia Synodical convened in Mount Pleasant Church, March 18th, 19th and 20th. Challenging addresses were given by Rev. J. B. Skene, D.D., Rev. L. D. Hankinson, Mr. Ross Mackay, grandson of Dr. George Leslie Mackay—first missionary to Formosa, and Miss Grace Mackay, bearing on the theme for the Meeting—"There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed." In presenting our objective for 1952, Miss Sybil White urged the reconsecration of every member during 1952—then our goal will be accomplished. Almost all officers were re-elected.

Kamloops — Okanagan Presbyterial held its thirty-sixth annual meeting in St. Andrew's Church, **Kamloops.** Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Synodical President was present and brought greetings, and Miss Ellen Douglas gave an inspiring address on her work in India. Rev. A. MacSween led the devotions, Mrs. J. B. McKechnie of **Armstrong** was elected President for the coming year.

Kootenay Presbyterial—The thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in First Presbyterian Church, **Nelson,** B.C., on Thursday, March 6th, 1952. Delegates attended from Trail, Nelson, Creston and Kimberley. The reports all pointed to a deep interest in the work of the W.M.S. Miss E. Douglas who has returned from the Bhil mission field in India spoke at the afternoon session. Mrs. W. Murdoch, Synodical President, gave a short talk at the evening session after the devotional period which was conducted by Rev. L. Van Mossell of First Presbyterian Church, Nelson. The highlight of the evening was a talk by Miss Douglas on her work among the Bhil people. The meeting closed with a feeling of new knowledge and more sympathetic understanding of this group of God's children in that far-away land.

Victoria Presbyterial — The thirty-eighth annual meeting of the Presbyterial of the Women's Missionary Society was held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, **Victoria.** There was an average attendance of fifty at each meeting, members coming from Nanaimo, Duncan, Port Alberni, Sooke and Victoria. There were very comprehenive reports from all groups, showing an increase in membership and work being done throughout the Society. Rev. Mr. Lyttle was guest speaker at the Wednesday evening meeting which was open to all, and Mrs. W. Murdoch, Synodical President, gave a résumé of the past year's work of the Women's Missionary Society.

ALBERTA

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RED Deer Presbyterial—The annual meeting of Red Deer Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Red Deer,** on Friday, January 18th with thirty-five members present and the President, Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick of Red Deer, in the chair. Reports submitted by the secretaries showed the work of the Presbyterial well in hand. Of special interest was the presentation during the year, of four Life Membership Certificates, honouring Mrs. W. R. Reay and Mrs. P. Jardine of Red Deer, Mrs. M. Day of Rocky Mountain House and Mrs. P. Bernard of Olds. Our Synodical President, Mrs. George Metcalfe, of Calgary, was present and installed the officers for 1952.

Peace River Presbyterial — Miss Marjorie MacKay, organized two new groups at Blueberry Mountain, Peace River Presbyterial, a C.G.I.T. Group with ten girls is under the leadership of Mrs. T. Mollinga, while a Mission Band of twelve members meets with Mrs. J. Graham, Jr., as their leader. A very successful Vesper Service has been held by the girls of these groups, with the messages being given by the minister of the local United Church.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Mrs. J. E. McGillivray, Presbyterial President, was guest speaker at a meeting of the W.M.S. Auxiliary and Friendship Circle at Knox Church, **Moose Jaw.** Her message, ''Our Place in History'' was based on verses 8 and 11 of the third chapter of Revelation. Our open door is the Church; and we should give it first place in our lives. Mrs. R. Herrod, welcome and welfare Secretary was presented with a gift in appreciation of her faithful service. Rev. W. McKinnon, minister of Knox Church, paid tribute to Mrs. Herrod and spoke of the loyal support which she has given to all phases of the work of Knox Church. The year 1951 saw the passing of Mrs. J. MacKinley, Mrs. N. McLeod and Mrs. J. H. Kern, three staunch supporters of Knox Church since 1925. Another faithful member in the person of Miss L. Steel, has moved to Bowden, Alberta, and every good wish follows her.

Prince Albert — Miss Isabel Bailey was re-elected President of the Prince Albert Presbyterial when it was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Prince Albert, early in the year. The theme was: ''The Bible Is a Living Book'' and Miss J. E. Walls, Synodical President, commented on the various reports as they were presented, making many helqful suggestions. There was a good attendance at all sessions. Members of the Lucy Baker and James Nisbet Auxiliaries took part in the devotional portions of the meetings.

Regina Presbyterial—The 38th annual meeting of the Regina Presbyterial was held in First Church, Regina. Mrs. Edwin Sneath was the principle speaker basing her remarks on the theme ''Prayer—Our Strength and Support.'' ''God is passing by when we bow our heads in prayer.'' said Mrs. Sneath. ''One must pray sincerely and earnestly with the heart as well as with the lips. Christians must pray with faith, and pray that God will help us to help others.'' A Candlelight affiliation service of the C.G.I.T. was an impressive part of the same service. Mrs. John Shaw was re-elected President of Regina Presbyterial.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Two members of Parkview Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** were honoured recently when they were presented with gifts in recognition of their many years of service. Mrs. N. Best has served in various capacities for over 25 years, and Mrs. James McKenzie, Sr. has been associated with the church for over 30 years.

The Senior Auxiliary of **St. Andrew's** Presbyterian Church met at the home of the President, Mrs. Ross Downey, January 10th. Mrs. W. Kerr was presented with a gift in recognition of her long and faithful service. Miss E. A. Gordon addressed the meeting on the growth of Christianity in India. Miss Gordon spent nearly forty years in educational work in India.

MANITOBA

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BRANDON Presbyterial — **Report of World Day of Prayer, Morden, Manitoba.**

In **Morden,** the World Day of Prayer was held in the Church of God under the able leadership of Mrs. Walter Kruschel.

There was a good attendance of ladies, although the weather was very cold. The guest speaker was Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary of the Presbyterian W.M.S. A period of silence observed in memory of our late King George VI was followed by the singing of God Save the Queen. Representatives from the following Churches took part in the service: Church Of God, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Mennonite Bergthaler, United Church, Anglican, Mennonite Brethern and Lutheran. Miss MacNaughton gave a very inspiring address on the theme: ''Christ our Hope,'' stressing the thought that if Christ is our Hope, we must take Him into our daily living, and pray often and at all times, not only for ourselves, but for others so that we may have true peace, understanding, and brotherhood among all races, and colours throughout all the world. On the occasion of having Miss MacNaughton with us, the W.M.S. Auxiliary met at the home of the President, Mrs. Henderson.

Superior Presbyterial—Mrs. Arthur Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., and Miss Helen Horne, Corresponding Secretary, were at the Lakehead April 9. Plans were made to hear them and Miss Ellen Anderson, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, will be in Superior Presbyterial the latter part of May, at a Presbyterial Executive held in First Church, **Port Arthur.** Mrs. George Stirrett presided. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary for Manitoba spoke briefly stressing the importance of planning activities on an annual basis and pointing out what the Presbyterial Executive can do to help local auxiliaries.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—At the annual meeting of First Church Auxiliary, **Winnipeg,** Life Membership certificates were presented to Mrs. W. G. Maclean retiring President and to Mrs. G. J. Mundie by the Home Helpers group. At the January and February meetings vitally interesting and informative addresses were given by Miss Agnes Morrison who reviewed the study book:

Meet the South Americans. Miss Margaret MacBeth spoke on South America's challenge to the Protestant Church. Our meetings have been well attended. Interest in all departments is keen and the messages the speakers bring are very much appreciated.

The **Elmwood** C.G.I.T. girls invited their mothers and members of the W.M.S. Auxiliary to their weekly meeting. Miss Ann Bain is the leader of the group. Nine girls were in attendance, all taking part in the programme. A demonstration of home nursing was given by the girls who were taught by Mrs. Wall.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—At the regular meeting of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Owen Sound,** Miss Christine McGregor gave an excellent talk on our study book **Meet The South Americans.** Mrs. Lyman Brown, missionary herald, brought news of the work in Palestine, Germany and British Guiana. Mrs. J. S. Dobbie gave a résumé of the current issue of *The Glad Tidings.* Plans were made for the Presbyterial rally to be held in the church on April 7th. Miss Ellen Anderson, on furlough from British Guiana, will be the guest speaker.

Chatham Presbyterial—The February meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary **Amherstburg,** was held at the home of Mrs. C. Haskell. Mrs. A. Dobbie reviewed the second chapter of the study book. Mrs. A. Flowers told of her interesting trip to India and of her sojourn there for two years.

Mrs. Martin Mepham, **Windsor,** St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, was appointed a delegate to the Synodical meeting being held in Hamilton. Mrs. C. W. Knowles reviewed a chapter of the study. Invitations were received from the C.G.I.T. to attend a meeting at which slides on British Guiana were to be shown, from the Eleanor McKechnie Auxiliary to attend a book review and from the Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary to attend a St. Patrick Tea.

The regular meeting of the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, Windsor, was held at the home of the president, Mrs. C. J. Barrow. The first chapter of the study **Meet The South Americans** was presented.

Hamilton Presbyterial—Mrs. D. M. Allan welcomed the members attending the Presbyterial Executive of Hamilton Presbyterial. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. Wm. Weaver. In view of the success of the one-day annual meeting this year it was agreed to continue this plan. The Mission Band of Knox Church, Burlington, has been re-organized. Due to its large membership the Mission Band of St. David's Church, Hamilton, has been divided to form an Explorer Group. Delegates were appointed to go to the Synodical meeting.

The Kannawin Auxiliary of St. John Church, **Hamilton,** held their regular meeting and Mrs. N. D. MacDonald spoke of the conditions under which our missionaries are working in British Guiana.

Mrs. O. R. Farnan's group of St. Cuthbert's Church, Hamilton, took part in a recent Sunday morning service when the C.G.I.T. girls spoke on "What Is C.G.I.T." and "Its Promise". The minister Robert Jackson installed the officers.

Mrs. James Menzies of St. Columba Church, Hamilton, stated that their C.G.I.T. worship service in February was a memorial service for the late King. This group has an average attendance of fifteen. The co-leader meets with the group every Sunday.

Huron Presbyterial—At the January meeting of the Arnold Circle Evening Auxiliary, **Hensall**, the first chapter of the study was reviewed. Excerpts from *The Presbyterian Record* and *The Glad Tidings* were given and it was decided to forward a donation to Miss Ellen Anderson on furlough from British Guiana.

The Arthur Circle of Knox Church, **Goderich**, held its February meeting with Rev. R. G. MacMillan as guest speaker. He told of the building of the new church, describing in detail the facilities of the new edifice, first for worship, then for recreation and for social activities. He said in closing that this fine edifice would mean nothing unless the members remain a truly living church within it. He urged the Auxiliary to be more zealous than ever.

The annual supper of the Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary of First Church, **Seaforth**, was held with the new president, Mrs. J. B. Russell, in the chair. Plans were made for the celebrating of the Golden jubilee of this auxiliary in June. Mrs. Paul Doig, Seaforth, will be the guest speaker.

London Presbyterial—At the Executive meeting of the Presbyterial held in New St. James Church, **London**, it was learned that Miss Elizabeth Moodie would be in the city soon to confer with Sunday School leaders. District meetings are to be held on May 26, 27, 28. Mrs. Waldie, president, was in the chair. A bus has been chartered by the Executive to take the ten appointed delegates as well as friends and W.M.S. members to the Synodical meeting being held in Hamilton on April 1, 2, and 3.

"Now while the doors are still open, we should be sending missionaries to Japan", the Rev. Albert Fairbrother advocated in an address to the New St. James Senior Auxiliary, London, at the regular meeting. Formerly engaged for fifteen years in the South China Boat Mission, Mr. Fairbrother has been for the past two years working among the fishermen of Japan. Mrs. R. C. McBurney, newly-elected president, was in the chair.

Mrs. S. C. Grosvenor presided at the meeting of St. George's Church, London, when Sister Elizabeth Cseke, an Hungarian nurse and deaconess, in Canada under the auspices of the Church Mission Board, told of a survey she had made of the Hungarian Presbyterians in London Presbytery.

From the newly formed C.G.I.T. group of **Port Stanley** with eight members comes this report—"We were the instigators of a joint service on the World Day of Prayer at the evening service. Mrs. R. Thomas, wife of the Anglican rector was the special speaker. Girls from the United and Anglican Churches were invited to be present at the service."

Maitland Presbyterial — Mrs. Alan McAuley was hostess for the February meeting of the afternoon Auxiliary of

Knox Church, **Ripley.** Psalm 23 was the basis for the meditation given by Mrs. R. McCormick. Her remarks were a tribute to the exemplary life of our late beloved King George VI. Mrs. Brydon was the guest speaker. Knox Church, Ripley, recently organized an Evening Auxiliary with Mrs. Bradley as president and Mrs. J. R. MacDonald as leader.

Paris Presbyterial — The Women's Missionary Society groups of the **Paris** Presbyterian Church, including the Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries, the Helen Young Auxiliary and the Emily Capron Mission Band held a combined open meeting on March 7th. Members of St. James' Anglican Afternoon and Evening Women's Auxiliary groups were also present, as they, too, are studying South America this year. Mrs. H. W. Cooke, president of the Presbyterian Afternoon Auxiliary, presided and extended a warm welcome to all. Dr. David Gowdy conducted the opening devotional service. The guest speaker was Mr. John Malcolm, St. George, who had recently returned from a business trip to South America. He was introduced by Mrs. W. G. Kelman. Mr. Malcolm gave much information about the various countries, the people, and their government. His talk was followed by beautiful coloured movies of South America, many of which were aerial views. He also showed films of Mexico which he had visited previously.

Stratford Presbyterial — Brotherhood was the theme of the Executive meeting of the Presbyterial in Knox Church, **Stratford.** The president, Mrs. R. Ballantyne, Avonton, presided at the all-day session. June 18th was the date set for the summer conference with an all-day session, making it possible for the young women's groups to attend the evening meeting in Knox Church, Stratford. Sectional meetings will be held in the northern and southern sections of the Presbytery, the conveners are Mrs. G. Cleland, Listowel and Mrs. T. L. Scott, Cromarty.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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NORTH Bay Presbyterial—The Florence Graham Auxiliary of Knox Presbyterian Church, **Sudbury,** suffered a great loss in the death of Mrs. George Freeland on February 27, 1952. She was *Glad Tidings* Secretary for the auxiliary and was Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary for four years.

The Florence Graham, the Dorothy Douglas and the Chinese auxiliaries shared in the open session of the Algoma and North Bay Presbytery held in Knox Church, Sudbury. Miss Margaret Halliday of the African Inland Mission spoke of her work in Kenya Colony.

Peterborough Presbyterial—The sixtieth anniversary of the Fraser Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Peterborough,** was celebrated with a lovely tea. The highlight of the occasion was a ceremony of lighting sixty candles. Each of the eighteen past presidents was represented by a candle for each year of her office. Rev. C. G. Boyd spoke briefly on the history of the auxiliary. Greetings were extended by Mrs. Harold Tate of Toronto and Kingston Synodical and Mrs. A. Newton Reid of Colborne, Presbyterial President.

Toronto East Presbyterial—Over one hundred mothers and girls attended a mother and daughter banquet at Emmanuel Church, Toronto. Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, gave a talk on the aims of girls' and children's work. This was followed by a meeting the next Saturday when several ladies from the Senior and Evening auxiliaries assisted at the organization meeting of three new groups: C.G.I.T., Explorer and Mission Band.

Toronto West Presbyterial — The monthly meeting of Toronto West Presbyterial was held in Victoria Church, Toronto. An encouraging report was given by the Treasurer, Miss A. Cheyne. The President, Mrs. A. S. Curr gave an inspiring address from the Old Testament. Arrangements were made for attendance at the Synodical Annual meeting.

It is with regret we announce the death on March 16th of Miss Agnes Paterson, who was a valued worker in the W.M.S. for many years. In later years she was a member of Wychwood Presbyterian church, Toronto, where she reorganized the Evening Auxiliary and in January of this year, the Wychwood Evening Auxiliary was named The Agnes Paterson Auxiliary, in her honour. Miss Paterson had been in ailing health for the past few years but was always keenly interested in the Church and W.M.S.

Nashville Auxiliary held a Family Night in the Sunday School room when all enjoyed the film: ''A Wonderful Life.''

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial—At the February meeting of First Church Auxiliary, **Brockville**, a Home Helpers committee was appointed and visits are being made; it is hoped that a number of members may be secured for this branch of the Auxiliary. The President, Miss Mary Campbell, was in the chair. Miss P. McLean presented the second chapter of the study, **Meet The South Americans.**

At the March meeting devotions were taken by Mrs. C. B. Broadbent and Mrs. L. G. Lawson, and the third chapter of the study was presented by Miss Mildred Lorimer. The various committees presented reports and plans were made for the forthcoming Easter Thankoffering meeting. Miss Florence Wilson was honoured with a Life Membership.

Glengarry Presbyterial—Glen Gordon Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, **Lancaster**, paid tribute to a valued member of over 50 years' standing, in the person of Mrs. A. A. McLennan, who passed away in her 89th year. Though confined to her home as an invalid for years, Mrs. McLennan's steadfastness and serenity in her faith, radiated an influence on many, and her patient suffering and quiet smile, were an inspiration to everyone who knew her.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—The 38th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Renfrew.** The programme was based on the theme ''Service''. Representatives were present from Almonte, Arnprior, Carleton Place, Cobden, Dewars, Lochwinnoch, McDonald's Corners, Micksburg, Pembroke, Perth, Renfrew, Ross, Scotland, Smiths Falls, Stewartville and Wolftown. The President, Mrs. H. Barker, Smiths Falls, presided at all sessions. The Treasurer reported that ten Auxiliaries had met their allocations and ten had exceeded it.

Mrs. W. E. Baker, Westmount, Synodical President, addressed the meeting. She reminded us that the very fine and lasting work that has been, and is being done in our National and Overseas Missions, is the result of fine personality and sacrifice, coupled with specialized training on the part of our missionaries. Among other illustrations Mrs. Baker mentioned Miss Irene Stringer, who has started a Christian Teachers' Training School in Jobat, to meet the demands of the Indian Government for teachers for the village and country schools they are starting; and Miss Mary Sherrick, B.A., B.Ed., who has added a course in Scientific Agriculture to her already high qualifications, to meet the need in her field.

At the evening meeting Rev. John Wilson conducted the devotions and Rev. T. W. Brett brought greetings from Presbytery. A service of remembrance was conducted by Mrs. R. K. Carter and Mrs. W. A. Stewart for those who had passed away during the year. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. W. Pae, Toronto, President of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., who gave a very fine address, full of good counsel and encouragement. To be efficient in any work, one must be well informed, so our aim should be to have *The Glad Tidings* in every home, we should strive to increase our knowledge of the work and workers and to pray with understanding.

Montreal Presbyterial—The death occurred in February of Mrs. Robert Grant, for many years an active member of MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, and at the time of her death its president. Mrs. Grant also served on the Board of the Montreal Presbyterial as Welcome and Welfare Secretary from 1945 to the time of her death. Tribute was paid to her as follows:

The members of the Sub-Executive Board of the Montreal Presbyterial wish to record their sorrow and their deep sense of loss in the death of Mrs. Robert Grant, Welcome and Welfare Secretary from 1945 to this year.

Mrs. Grant won the affection of all who knew her, and the life-long gratitude of many newcomers to Canada, whose troubles she shared and relieved. We thank God for her abundant life, and for the privilege of working with her. Our deepest sympathy goes out to her family and to her Church in their great loss.

The following tribute is found in excerpts from the 31st chapter of Proverbs.

Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.

She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.

A women that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.

Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

Mrs. Owen Reid Campbell was guest speaker at a very interesting meeting of the Auxiliary of Robert Campbell Memorial Church, **Montreal.** The President, Mrs. S. Saunders, presided. An interesting letter from Rev. Joseph and Mrs. Muchan was read, telling of their evangelistic work in British Guiana.

The Evening Auxiliary of MacVicar Memorial Church, Montreal, honoured the memory of the late Mrs. J. G. Potter by naming the Auxiliary the Annie Potter Auxiliary. Mrs. Potter was first known to MacVicar Memorial Church as the wife of its beloved minister, Dr. J. G. Potter, and from the first took an active part in the missionary work of the Church. She was the Convener of the Foreign Mission Department of the Home, French, and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian Church. From 1911 to 1913-14 she was secretary of the work in South China. She became a member of the Executive Board of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., in 1923, and it is an interesting fact that her name was mentioned in the ''Jubilee Story'' (1864-1924) that was published in 1924.

Port Worker

WE have been given quite a number of glimpses of port work in these pages in past months. Miss Blackwell, keenly enthusiastic about her work, is always willing to share her enthusiasm and interest with members of the Women's Missionary Society. In her report she summarizes her work:

"Each ship brings its own problems requiring quick thinking and tactful handling. Typical are the situations when women with children have not been met by their husbands as anticipated and they have not transportation or sufficient money to go further. This is when the goodwill we have established with the Immigration, Customs, Steamship, and Railway officials and the other social workers is so helpful. Many a tear has been dried as I have assured the women they would be taken care of until their husbands could be contacted, and I have found lodgings for them for the night.

"There were two such cases on one ship; and I arranged for the women to stay in the same large room with two double beds, for they knew one another and each had two children. We were just getting the children in bed when word came through that one husband had arranged prepaid tickets and sleeping accommodations for his wife and family on a train leaving within an hour. We just had to quickly dress the children again and taxi over to the station with the baggage. The Station Master was waiting for us with the tickets and took the family to the train after the little lady had talked with her husband by Long Distance to relieve his anxiety. The other lady left behind in the large room was up early the next morning and surprised her husband by meeting him at the train when he had come all the way from Windsor to meet her ship and help her with the children. All this confusion was caused because the ship arrived fifteen hours ahead of time."

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

March 31st, 1952

RECEIPTS:

Refund from Sudbury Children's Aid	$ 12.75
Ephraim Scott Memorial Sunday School, Montreal	5.00
Mrs. E. O. Boettcher, Red Bluff, California, "Miss Agnes Hislop's work"	5.00
Miss Joan Rochemont	5.00
A Friend, through Knox Church Auxiliary, Preston, Ontario	503.61
Mr. S. A. Crighton, Mimico, "Miss Anderson's work in British Guiana"	25.00
Received from workers for Hospitalization	28.60
Received from missionaries, to be deposited in Canada	487.86
Annuity rates received from workers	692.51
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant, for Supplies	1,000.00
Synodical Givings:	
Alberta	220.00
Alberta, supplies	55.00
Manitoba	190.00
Toronto and Kingston	3,200.00
Toronto and Kingston, supplies	300.00
Hamilton and London	3,400.00
Hamilton and London, supplies	100.50
Montreal and Ottawa	1,475.00
	$11,705.83

DISBRUSEMENTS:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$1,055.81
Hospital Visitors	604.52
Deaconesses	160.00
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	447.33
Port Work	168.91
Van Expenses	314.33
National Contingency	89.03
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	3,853.90
Birtle, Government Grant	5,579.50
Overseas Missions.	
India:	
Bhil Field	5,750.00
Jhansi Field	4,700.00
Vellore All-India Christian Medical College	2,420.00
Landour Community Hospital	400.00
National Christian Council	150.00
Women's Union Missionary Society of America	100.00
Taiwan	25.00
British Guiana	125.00
Koreans in Japan	325.00
Training of Nationals	127.00
New Missionary	1,172.06
Missionary Expenses	50.00
Publications	921.59
Organization	2,364.19
Administration	2,509.78
Payment from Special Gifts	254.07
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Editorial

A LITTLE lad I know has developed the habit of organizing the things he wants to accomplish in his play—assigning a part to his playmates and starting the activity with a determined "Let's do it". He then sets to with a will to accomplish his objective.

We in the Women's Missionary Society have before us a great objective. The maintenance and expansion of our work at home and abroad is the task to which we are called and for which our sacrifice of time and material gifts is dedicated. We have long since said "Let's do it" to that call and we have made progress. The extension of missionary influence among Presbyterian women, girls and children is an added objective to which we have set ourselves recently. We have heard from the whole Society reverberations of "Let's do it".

But all this work is becoming increasingly expensive in a material sense. The tools which are necessary to carry on our work at home and abroad are expensive and their cost is increasing every year. Changing methods have been made necessary with the change of the times and conditions under which we ourselves and the people across the seas are living. To preach that Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life to famine-starved Indian people, it is necessary to help those people to have bread to eat—to have tools and knowledge to wrest from the soil food sufficient to keep them alive physically. Our national and overseas staff, dedicated as they are to spreading the Gospel can sacrifice only so much of their means to carry on their work. Beyond this they are unable to go, for they must think of those who may be dependent on them, or they must provide themselves with better training and equipment to do their work. Their total welfare must be considered, and that means more material sacrifice.

These are matters before mission boards to-day—your Council Executive has faced these problems and now they are asking you to share the problem with them. Their question is do we say: "Let's do it" —or do we retract on some phase of the work we have started to do or are thinking of doing? That is a question which each one of the members must answer for herself. A brief look at average givings as

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Prayer

OUR Heavenly Father, whose infinite wisdom, love and compassion doth encompass in tenderness and understanding the seeking hearts of all Thy needy children everywhere, we bow before Thee in humble gratitude for Thy constant goodness and forgiving mercy toward us throughout all the days of our lives. We thank Thee for Thy patience with our strivings, our many faults and failures, and for Thy never-failing help and guidance when the path ahead seems baffling and clouded with uncertainties. Grant, oh Father, we beseech Thee, that Thou wilt never leave us or forsake us, but that within each one of us Thou wilt light anew each day the flame of true devotion, the comforting assurance of Thy abiding presence in all we think and do, and the certain knowledge of Thy loving care and directing power wherever we may be.

Very specially, we would place within Thy keeping now the safety and well-being of those who in the next few months will seek afar the relaxation and enjoyment of vacation days. In the age-old beauty of this world of burgeoning promise and fulfilment which Thou has given for our dwelling place, may they find rest, and that inner peace which comes of quiet communion and fellowship with Thee as they listen in the silence for Thy voice, and catch the vision of Thy glory in the harmonies of birdsong, blossoms, winds and waves. As our young people gather happily together in summer camps throughout the beauty-spots of Canada, wilt Thou be in the midst of them, and grant that there may be those among them who will be led to give their lives in earnest service for Thee in whatsoever way Thy wisdom may direct. Bless the leaders, who carry in their hearts the needs and opportunities of youth, and bear the burden of responsibility. Richly bestow upon them the inspiration and devotion to Thy cause, which, through the example of their daily lives, may impart itself to these young minds who look to them for leadership, wise counsel and instruction.

We would remember in loving prayer, the nine new deaconess graduates who have dedicated their young lives to the expansion of Thy Kingdom and the sending forth of the Gospel message through the channel of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and our own Women's Missionary Society. Father, they are very dear to us as they begin their work for Thee, and we do implore for them the blessing of Thy courage and Thy strength. Grant that they may never falter or weaken in their faith, but always feel about them the sure security of Thy supporting arms as they face the problems which may await them in their designated fields.

For all the ministers of our Church; our missionaries, our deaconesses, Port Workers, Hospital Visitors, secretaries, and every worker in all the branches of our missionary endeavour, at home and overseas, we give Thee grateful thanks, dear Lord, as we remember their faithfulness and consecration, and ask Thy tender blessing for each one, according to each individual need. Guide and direct Thy people, and endow Thy Church on earth with purpose and vision, and the power of constant witnessing to Thy redeeming love. We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and our King. Amen.

Our Very Special Needs

By Mrs. A. R. McMurrich, Candidates Secretary

THERE must be some young people within our Church who have read of our work at home and abroad in the last three issues of *The Glad Tidings,* and who have not yet decided on their plans for the future. Some of them may have envied those on the staff of the Women's Missionary Society who are privileged to serve in the promoting of world Christianity. If so we urge them to do something about it. If they are specially trained there may be an opening where they could use that training. If not, it is possible that the Women's Missionary Society might be able to assist them in obtaining some special training to fit them for a suitable position.

A very fine response has been the result of making our needs known in the past two years and satisfactory appointments have been made both in our national and overseas fields, but there are still positions to be filled now and in the near future.

We are looking for a nurse for one of our Indian Residential Schools—one who will be interested and ready to share in the missionary programme of the school as well as to care for the sick. We are also frequently required to make replacements on the teaching staff and to provide matrons for sewing, laundry and kitchen. Is it generally known that handicrafts, art, music, manual training, are all included in the teaching curriculum and that the Government requires certain standards of proficiency? To have the staff composed of Presbyterians rather than of several denominations would make for greater co-operation, progress and harmony in the whole life of the school.

The vivid and inspiring reports of Miss Pelton's recent visit to Taiwan should make a great appeal. She tells of thousands of young people, groping for a faith by which to live, and of phenomenal movements towards Christianity of the tribal people who need sound and sustained teaching for every day living, "and the workers are so few". We are looking for a nurse with Public Health training and experience for Taiwan. We also require an evangelistic worker for that beautiful island—someone with an understanding of sociology and of the importance of relating the individual Christian to his family and the community.

For the Bhil Field, India, another evangelistic worker will be needed. In addition to her response to the call to witness for

Jesus Christ and bring souls into the Kingdom of God she should have a knowledge of some handicrafts and home economics, so that she can give instruction in the villages in which her work will be carried on. In this way we meet the desire of Governmental authorities that material advantages as well as spiritual should be the outcome of our missionary work.

It will easily be understood why we need very "special" people. Will anyone interested please make contact with the Candidates Secretary? A personal interview is the best kind, if possible. The telephone number is MIdway 4338 — the address is 169 Balmoral Avenue, Toronto 5, and the name, (Mrs. A. R.) Muriel L. McMurrich.

Mrs. W. E. Stauth

Mrs. Jean Ethel Stauth, 156 Thompson Boulevard, Riverside, widow of William E. Stauth and prominent in the work of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, died Tuesday at Grace Hospital. Born in Ridgetown, Mrs. Stauth lived in Guelph, Toronto and Winona before moving to the Windsor area twenty-seven years ago. Her husband died in 1949. Mrs. Stauth was a member of Riverside Presbyterian Church, having recently transferred from Knox Presbyterian Church, Windsor. She was president of the Synodical Society of Hamilton and London of the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, and was a Life Member of the W.M.S. A past president of Chatham Presbyterial, Mrs. Stauth had also served as Corresponding Secretary, Girls' Organizations Secretary and Historian of the Society in the Presbyterial. She was also a member of Windsor Chapter 4, Order of the Eastern Star.

Editorial — Continued

set forth in the Annual Report makes one ask whether we are really asking you, the W.M.S. members to make the sacrifice that is worthy of you. When men and women through the ages give their lives in the service of the Master, asking no more than that they have enough to keep them well and strong to do the task of making Him known to as many as possible, is it fair to ask of each of you only a sum less than $10.00 each year? We reach our allocation! We are doing no more than we are asked to do. Why then do we not set forth an objective that is worthy of the task committed to us? Why not give you, the W.M.S. members, the opportunity to share in the real sacrifice necessary to do missionary work? Do we hear you say: "Let's do it"?

What Is The Work Of An Evangelistic Missionary?

In answer to this question, Miss Margaret Kennedy, evangelist among the Bhil people of India replies.

NOW what is the work of an evangelistic missionary? It is to see the hopeless, God-less, stunted lives of those around and to scheme and plan and pray forth a programme so that that need may be met. It is to see among Christians the apathy of half-knowledge and partial experience of the riches of the Gospel and the apathy of a hand-to-mouth existence and it is to think and agonize over this situation until some plan evolves, then to apply all of oneself and all of any skills and training that one has to try and fill up that which is lacking. It is to see the scant possibility of lives becoming rich in Christ and of children being brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord when people are illiterate, unable to reach the sources of spiritual wealth for themselves and oftentimes only having the occasional call of a leader who can help them. It is to see all of this and realize that only God Himself, in answer to our urgent cries can quicken a desire in the hearts of the apathetic ones for the help that they need. The work of an evangelistic missionary in this twentieth century is to carefully work out a programme and organize one's activities, then being met by a clamant need, to leave the planned programme and meet that need. How often it happens!

Young people of to-day, though, in whom the Spirit of Christ is at work, are not afraid. They are ready to overcome the world just as much as they were in Carey's day, perhaps more so. Do you have someone skilled in the teaching of the Bible? How we could use her! Do you have someone who is wise in social work? What a contribution she could make! Do you have someone learned in household science? What need there is in this field! Do you have someone who has made a study of the truly Christian home? Here is a field of great scope! An evangelistic's first aim is that she be used in meeting the spiritual needs of people, but from the first conception of that need to the desired end of a truly abundant life, how many stages there are, how many skills and plans must be brought into use, how much wisdom and understanding is needed — and how utterly inadequate the evangelist feels herself to be! But herein, too, lies the glory, to be caught up into and used in a work that is infinitely greater and beyond the understanding of the worker.

Sunday In The Mountains

BY HILDUR K. HERMANSON, REG. N.

SUNDAY last I was invited to go with some of the Formosan Church people to Urai, a beautiful mountain village about an hour and a half from the city. The Aborigines there have built a small church and one of the Theological students goes out every week-end to minister to the believers there. The little church is a neat little place built more or less like the other Aborigine's Churches. The village is situated on a hill (or mountain side) above the place where two rivers join, with the most beautiful view. One of the pupil nurses in our Hospital is from this village and she happened to be home on Sunday so took part in the service.

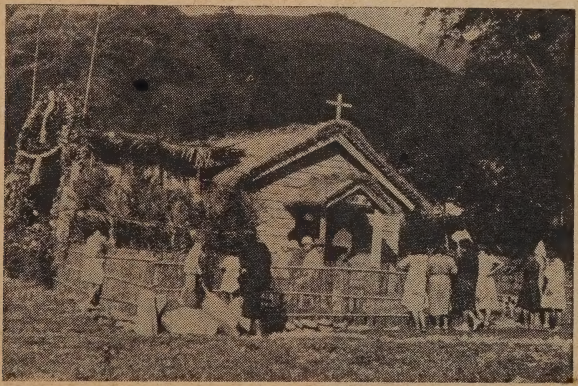
Certain Formosan Christians collected some money and presented the church with a small Japanese made organ. The Mountain folk are particularly fond of music and singing has been part of their native ceremonials since olden times, so an organ is a very welcome gift to a church, as it helps them in their Christian services. The congregation of the East Gate Church with members of other congregations left Taipeh at 10.30 (after a short service in the Church). The choir of East Gate Church came too and sang two selections. We went in a bus and a truck, both packed to capacity, in fact the truck was filled with young people, most of them standing as there was not room to sit! In the bus, we adults sat, each holding a child on a lap and several people standing all the way. But it was a very happy group and no-one minded being crowded. When we arrived at Urai village we had to walk, or rather climb, for about 20 minutes to the Mountain village. A few quite elderly ladies were carried up by the mountain men. On arrival we all ate our picnic lunches out on the lawn and then we and the mountain folk gathered together for a service of worship, which was interpreted into Tyal language. Fortunately it was a very beautiful day so that we could stay outside as the little church could not have accommodated that many people. After the service, the crowd was divided into 3 groups, those who understand

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg. N.

Japanese were given an evangelistic message in that language by one of the Taipei Christian ladies (she had been the leading spirit in obtaining the organ). She has not been a Christian very long, but is on fire with the wonderful message she has received. In the city she is busy teaching Bible to several new hearers and she brought some of them with her to this service. The second group was led by an elder in the East Gate Church and was interpreted into Tyal. The third group was led by a Mainland Christian teacher in one of the Government schools in Taipei. His group was children who now understand Mandarin. One of the girls in the Choir, who is a pupil in his school, helped him with the children's group. All were so attentive. When this was finished, some of the girls of the Mountain village sang and danced one of their interpretive dances, wishing us welcome. Then it was time to leave for home. We arrived home at about 6.30 p.m. feeling that we had spent a very happy day in fellowship with these new Christians.

One of the things I have noticed very specially is that, although the Mountain homes are far from tidy, the people keep their churches clean and tidy and the grounds surrounding the churches are always in good order, with a few plants planted around the grounds.

We ask that you all remember these new believers in your prayers, that they may continue in their study of the true way of life.



"Mountain . . . churches are clean and tidy and the grounds . . . in good order."

Presbyterian French Work In Quebec

REVEREND Jacques Smith is an energetic young French Presbyterian minister. He visited the W.M.S. offices not long ago and spoke to Council Executive about Presbyterian work among the French people in Quebec Province.

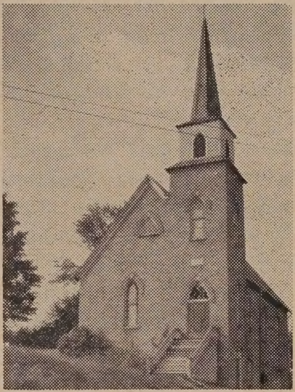
Mr. Smith recalled the fact that the present Presbyterian French work is comparatively new. The Presbyterian Church in Canada had considerable influence among the French before 1925. At that time the newly organized United Church assumed responsibility for all French work which the Presbyterian Church had been doing.

It was ten years later that Mr. Smith became interested in the work of the Protestant Church. The Presbyterian Church, he found, proclaimed Christian truth through very definite statements of belief. Those who were turning from the Church of Rome found this definiteness a very great help in their thinking. A former priest of the Roman Church, himself, Mr. Smith spoke with emphasis of the need for our Church to make its witness among the French. He began work in 1938 in the basement of Fairmount Taylor Church. Times were poor, Mr. Smith had to earn his living at other occupations than the Christian ministry. But the work grew, until the French Presbyterian congregation was able to purchase a building of their own—the old Fairmount Taylor Church. Now the congregation is known as Eglise St. Luc and has a properly constituted session and other organizations such as an auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society.

Rev. Jacques Smith

By the time Eglise St. Luc was becoming well established, the Presbytery of Montreal thought that the French work should be expanded to take the Presbyterian Church into the Eastern Townships of Quebec. Mr. Smith was asked to undertake this pioneer work, and the work was taken over by the Home Section of the Board of Missions. In the time in which Mr. Smith has been working, a church has been established at Melbourne and beginnings have been made in Sherbrooke and Sorel. The Melbourne Church has taken great strides ahead financially. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are providing service and also Christian education for the young people. Our Society has aided Mr. Smith in his translation of Scripture and Catechism as he has prepared very interesting and attractive material for children. In the Summer he has had Camps and Vacation Bible School.

Mr. Smith saw the need of the Protestant Christian Gospel as taught by the Presbyterian Church among his countrymen. His work has been greatly blessed and as new personnel come to aid him we shall see our witness among the French bearing much fruit.



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Winnipeg Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. Group, Calvin Church, Winnipeg. Leader, Miss Barbara Muir, 1580 Magnus Ave.

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Temiskaming Presbyterial—Young Women's Affiliated, K.E.O. Club, Timmins. Pres., Mrs. J. Arnot; Treas., Mrs. R. Lopsley; Sec., Mrs. R. Clelland, 34 Windsor Ave.

Toronto East Presbyterial—C.G.I.T. Group, Emmanuel Church, Toronto. Leader, Miss Melva Hilliard, 19 Swanwick Ave., Miss Nan McFerran.

Explorer Group, Emmanuel Church, Toronto. Leader, Mrs. Wm. McClelland, 19 Swanwick St.; Miss Isabel Mair, Miss Eileen Gratton.

Vellore 1951

BY ISABEL MCCONNELL, REG.N.

MISS Isabel McConnell reports a happy year at this great Christian Medical School, despite the fact that she began with a broken arm.

Miss McConnell confesses that she is not one who particularly enjoyed teaching—yet she thoroughly enjoyed the teaching and the counselling in both the science of medicine and in guidance along spiritual lines—duties which were hers in large measure during the year in Vellore. Advanced nursing, ward administration and ward management were subjects under our missionary's supervision. In addition she had individual conferences with each student as well as group conferences. It was necessary to study the patients, too, in order to give the students proper guidance. Miss McConnell writes: "Classroom work with them was most interesting especially when it came to demonstrations, most of these girls love acting and it comes very naturally to them. In conducting conferences I could see and hear myself in many of their demonstrations. One had an opportunity of seeing points of good leadership in the students. Someone made the remark to me that she thought I had the most interesting position in the School of Nursing. I was inclined to agree. It was work I enjoyed as it gave opportunity of being with patients as well as with students.

Hospital Wing, Vellore

During the holiday months April and May we did not continue our programme of Ward teaching. It was more incidental during those months. My work was then more supervising and visiting patients. It was a great privilege to be able to visit officially, the patients in the private ward. The Nursing Superintendent was on holiday so I was asked to take her place in making rounds twice a day. Many contacts were made during those weeks and some visits were continued while the patients remained in hospital. Many of the non-Christians asked what it was in that hospital that made the difference in the atmosphere to that experienced in Civil Hospitals. One had then a good opportunity to point them to the Great Physician Who was the Head of the hospital and in Whose Name all the work was done. Being on duty every second Sunday during the holiday time was a great joy as it meant I went through the whole hospital on that day. Of course, it took hours but it was a tour of great satisfaction. Ward teaching kept me in touch with what went on in most Wards during the week."

The means of selecting nursing students to write the degree course is interesting and shows the standard set by Indian universities: "The selection of students for the Degree course was carried out in the same way as it was done for the Medical students. Twenty-five of all those who applied were asked to come for selection (only fifteen students are admitted each year for the degree course). The students were divided in groups and each group was under the direction and supervision of one member of the School staff who acted as group observer for the test period. They ate with them, played with and had every opportunity of studying them from every angle. My part in the tests was the impromptu speeches. It was lots of fun. The Staff were all of the opinion that the selection was much more satisfactory."

Another side of the work being done through Vellore is told by Miss McConnell: "In October I was asked by the Madras Branch of the Trained Nurses of India if I would address the Conference and put on a demonstration of Ward teaching. As Vellore is the only hospital in India with a planned Ward Teaching programme I thought it was my duty to do it. I chose six of the best students, I mean those who were good in presenting the different aspects of Ward teaching, and they were quite delighted to put on the demonstration. I felt they were a credit to Vellore and more interest was aroused in Ward teaching. When visiting a Civil Hospital in Trivandrum one of our Post-graduates asked me if I would give the same address in her school as she wanted to feel she could count on more help in carrying out her programme.

"Before leaving Vellore I had the pleasure of welcoming Mrs. Gehman and of seeing her settled in the little cottage that was my home for the two years I was there. If she is as happy there as I was then she will be happy indeed. In the official welcome for Miss Taylor and Mrs. Gehman it was a combined affair. They were garlanded because they had come and I was garlanded because I was going. In her farewell speech the student said she did not think I felt as badly leaving as the student body did because I was leaving. I assured them that I would miss them all very much but that after all Central India was my home and they were never sad when they were going home."

Clinic Work — Vellore

Mrs. Mildred Gehman, Reg.N., B.Sc., writes of first experiences in roadside clinics at Vellore.

THE last few weeks have been busy for me. Language study in the early morning then out with the students on public health visiting in the homes, attending the various clinics, going out on the roadside clinic. This is giving me a total picture of our health programme and the problems to be met. I was out in Kavanur the first week of February and went with the girls in our bullock cart on their calls to the village; watched them show mothers how to bath and care for their babies and even had a night ride with our midwife to a delivery. In spite of her constant urging the driver to make the ox go faster we arrived a bit late but early enough to take care of mother and baby. The family were all smiles because the baby was a boy though we could find nothing but dirty rags to wrap it in. Baby clothes just aren't made in this area for fear something will happen the baby. Next day when we called to take care of mother and baby we found magosa leaves over the doorway to drive away evil spirits lest they harm the baby. The home was a mud hut with the sky peeping through numerous holes in the thatching. What the poor things would do in heavy rains of the past few days, I don't know. The mother was worried because she and her eldest daughter couldn't go out to work in the fields. The father just couldn't earn enough to feed so many mouths. We had the girl walk back across the fields with us for milk powder and clothing for mother and babe.

Mrs. Gehman with student nurses.

Our Kavanur clinics are always opened with a Gospel message and prayer and the week I was there over seventy people gathered one evening to see and hear the Life of Christ in film. The people of that area had expressed a desire to hear more of the Gospel and, I understand the Arcot mission is sending in an evangelist.

I went on Dr. Ida B. Scudder's roadside clinic the day before yesterday. With us were two other doctors, a medical student, a nurse to do dressings, a public health nursing student to give health talks, a compounder with his small drug cupboard, two evangelists, a man and a woman to work among the patients, an injector to give injections to the leprosy patients. Most of my time was spent giving out milk powder, rice and beans to needy families. Dr. Ida was very proud of the babies she'd kept alive and well who would otherwise have starved. There have been no monsoons in this area for five years and many families that were once well to do are now on the brink of starvation. However, we have had some good rains this week. At each stop the people were waiting for us and usually a bullock cart or two with a sick one to see the doctor. The very sick we pick up on our way back and take them to the hospital, that is, if the family consents. I am going to Kodaikanal the end of next week for language study and will be returning the end of May to begin work in earnest.

On the road with the clinic.

News Notes

Miss Hazel Macdonald formerly a deaconess in Western Canada, is to be serving with our mission in Formosa. Miss Macdonald has for the past three years been in Ethiopia teaching there under government auspices. It is expected that she will be in Formosa for a short term of three and a half years.

Miss Marjorie MacKay recently went to Whitehorse, in the Yukon Territory. She had just arrived there after visiting people in the highway maintenance camps along the Alaska Highway. She hopes to be back along the Highway during the summer to conduct Vacation Bible Schools.

Report From Jhansi and Landour

BY MISS LILY A. SIMPSON, REG.N.

IT is hard to realize that I have been back in India one year and it is time to write reports again. The time has gone very quickly and much has happened in that time.

I began the year in Camp with the MacKay family. I had the wives of our workers to go with me as Biblewomen. We visited a number of villages near one camp. The people were very receptive in most of the villages and we met with very little opposition. I had planned to do some medical work if the opportunity presented itself, but it seemed the healthiest time of the year and so we had only a few patients. I am sure that if we could have stayed out in camp longer better and gain more confidence in us we would have had more patients. However, we were happy to know there was so little sickness until the people got to know us and we could spend all our time in giving out the Word.

I spent some time in Chirgaon with Miss Miriam Lall and there we worked among the outcastes. Some of these people had been baptized but had gone back into Hinduism, one of their excuses being that as, Christians, there would be no one to whom they could marry their daughters. Perhaps if we could have taken some of these boys and girls and put them into our schools we could have raised their standard of living and there is a possibility that one or two may have become Christians; but that would also have relieved the parents of the responsibility of educating their children and even of feeding them, and then they would return to their homes and their old environment. Experience has taught us that those who have had the most done for them do not make the most earnest Christians. It is a real problem to know how far to go in this respect. We continue to work among and pray for these people that the Holy Spirit will so convict them that they will come to the knowledge of the truth as it is in the Lord Jesus.

The first week in March I commenced my duties in the Landour Community Hospital. The first few weeks there were only a few patients and they were mostly in the Indian Wards. In May and June the hospital was full and we were very busy then until the end of October.

The adult wards were busier. Our Indian patients came from the villages in the hills, sometimes taking two days to get to the hospital. Some of them would be about ready to die, and came to the hospital as a last resort. Others had heard of those who had come to the hospital very ill and had been healed. With the modern drugs so much more can be done and we cannot help but praise God for the knowledge He has given to men whereby miracles in healing can be performed.

We have carried on Evangelistic work with these patients. The first few weeks I had to do this myself as I was the only one with Hindi. The Indian nurses have helped me in this work. Later, when the Hill Villages Mission got started, they took over this part of the work and they were very faithful in it. The personal word spoken by those caring for them day in and day out still meant a great deal, and some of the patients would ask questions about what they had heard from the evangelist in the morning.

As the hospital was established primarily for the missionaries these made up the majority of our English-speaking patients. I should say European patients, for we had patients of all nationalities including many who came from the different Embassies in Delhi. The majority of the latter came to Landour from Delhi specially for medical or surgical treatment in our hospital. It is not such a difficult trip by car, and the fine bracing air combined with the expert treatment did a lot for these patients.

Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N.

Our staff this year represented many different countries: America, Australia, Canada, England, India, and New Zealand. We had real fellowship together and I do feel that I was very fortunate in the staff. I hope and pray that this coming year will be one of real blessedness in serving the Master and following His example of healing the sick and ministering to the needy.

This wealth of waters might but seem to draw
From yon dark cave; but see, the source is higher,
Yon summit half a league in air; and higher,
The cloud that hides it: higher still the heavens
Whereby the cloud was moulded, and whereout
The cloud descended.

Force If From the Heights—Browning.

Carrying The Banner High

A Report of Senior Auxiliaries

IN THE past several issues of *The Glad Tidings* we have attempted to give you a picture of the National and Overseas mission work by printing sections of the missionaries' reports. This year it was thought that you might like to see your own report in the magazine—the story of what you, the members of the auxiliaries did in 1951.

In her report in the "Blue Book", Mrs. Adamson writes: "The closing words in a report of 1949 were: 'Let us carry our banner high' and as I have read the reports of Presbyterials and Synodicals I am sure that is what they have been doing."

There are several common characteristics of the activities of the senior auxiliaries across the country. Many are using the study material and finding it interesting and inspiring; there is a wider use of *The Glad Tidings* in the monthly meetings. Another common interest is for the younger groups. It is evident from reading the Synodical reports that there has been some thinking and studying of this task we are doing. There are sighs for the sins of omission, but there are hopes that the future will not find the members lacking in the doing of any of the things which will further the cause of missions. A few sentences from the reports will show you the spirit that exists in the auxiliaries across our land—they will show you, yourself at work in the Women's Missionary Society.

" . . . . Problems are always present in all our auxiliaries and in all our work and will have to be faced. They are but a challenge to courage, ingenuity and perseverance. A serious problem is that of distance. Transportation is expensive and the getting-together for mutual inspiration and help is at times not only difficult but impossible. Another problem facing our senior auxiliaries as well as other groups is how to meet the indifference on the part of so many women in the Church who have not shared in the great commission . . . "

"Most auxiliaries met their objectives for the General Fund by freewill offerings and wherever the system of giving systematically by weekly or monthly envelopes had been adopted, gratifying results were reported. In some auxiliaries envelopes were given to the Home Helpers members as well as the active members and the Easter and Autumn Thank-offering envelopes were distributed to all interested ladies in the congregation. A special self-denial Christmas Thank-offering in December was reported.

"Programmes require much careful thought and purposeful planning to hold the interest of the membership of an organization and to attract new members. One Secretary suggested that we face the question: 'Are our meetings really interesting? Would a visitor for the first time at our Women's Missionary Society meeting be impressed with the exemplary conduct of the meeting, be inevitably aware of our enthusiasm for missions or be able to take home something to live by?'

"*The Glad Tidings* played an important part in supplementing the study. An evening in one auxiliary was devoted to the history of the magazine and its value to auxiliary members. Some had gleanings, others a quiz on the current issue. Special mention was made of the 'Service of Thanksgiving' and 'The Christmas Service of Worship'. One auxiliary described the latter as 'a fitting climax to the year's work'. Letters from missionaries, hymn study and other selected topics were used also in programme building.

"Thoughtful, reverent devotional periods were considered as important and were as carefully prepared as the study period and special music was given a prominent place on some programmes. Films were used and enjoyed both for the study and devotional periods . . ."

"Highlights and current events from *The Glad Tidings* and *The Presbyterian Record* are being used more extensively and playing a great part in the programmes. Many spiritually inspiring messages and papers were prepared and presented at the meetings. Most of the allocations have been raised by freewill offerings using the systematic envelope method.

"Programmes in many auxiliaries are prepared and presented by groups of their members. Conferences, rallies, and sectional meetings were held in various Presbyterials and were well attended, giving our organizations a great opportunity of hearing the work being done in our Presbyterials and challenging messages for the advancement of God's Kingdom on earth . . ."

"In the year which has ended we have every reason to be thankful to our Heavenly Father for blessing our efforts. As we look forward to another year may we resolve to consecrate ourselves afresh to the service of the Master . . ."

"1951 has been a year of advance for the Synodical. Ground has been gained in every branch of the auxiliary work, but there is still much territory to be conquered . . ."

"All groups report financial success, joy in the work and look forward to the year ahead . . ."

"The work has been richly blessed, but the members will recognize the necessity of pressing forward, and not growing weary . . ."

News Notes

COUNCIL MEETING 1952

The annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) is just over as this issue of *The Glad Tidings* is released. Next month we will have an account of the proceedings. It has been a small meeting, since this, the first to be held in the Spring, comes so soon after the full Council held in September. The following delegates have heard four days of discussion of the Society's business. They are: Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Mrs. W. D. McLean, Vancouver; Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. H. Jamieson, Red Deer; Miss J. E. Walls, Miss Giollo Kelly, Saskatoon; Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Fort William, Mrs. J. W. Fraser, Port Arthur; Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Atwood; Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest; Mrs. C. W. McDonald, Miss Lundia MacBeth, Toronto; Mrs. W. E. Baker, Westmount; Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, Outremont.

Miss Isabel Mackay, *Reg. N.* daughter of Dr. G. W. and Mrs. Mackay of Formosa has been appointed by the World Health Organization to serve as an instructor in the Community Hospital, Taipei, Formosa. Miss Mackay who has been an instructor at the Toronto General Hospital is the only Canadian to be appointed to such a position by the United Nations Health organization. After instruction in Geneva, Miss Mackay will serve in Taipei for two years.

The Spring Thank-offering service of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, was held in the evening and conducted by the President, Mrs. Earle P. Fox. Assisting in the worship service were three of the church elders, and two members of the C.G.I.T. The guest speaker was Dr. G. E. McSpadden of the University of British Columbia. Speaking in Spanish, later translating in English, Dr. McSpadden addressed newcomers from Le Havre, France, who recently united with Mount Pleasant Church. On behalf of the W.M.S. he assured them of our sincere interest in their welfare, and as a token of our best wishes presented them with Bibles in the English language. Dr. McSpadden requested prayers for the Latin American people, among whom he has worked, calling attention to the persecution of Protestants and that even freedom of speech is being denied them, in many parts of the country. Much prayer and much money must be offered to support the Protestant effort which is being helped wonderfully by the Bible Society and by the spread of Christian Literature. The speaker also stated that in our own land the awakening of a missionary consciousness among inter-varsity students is cause for much thankfulness and urged that we pray and work for the acceleration of the Christian movement in all universities in all nations.

News From Brazil

(We often suggest that use be made of relevant articles appearing in current publications in conjunction with study materials. We appreciate very much an article sent to us about Brazil which Miss Catherine M. Acheson of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, discovered in "Forward!" a publication of Sandes Homes for Soldiers and Airmen. L.A.R.)

DECEMBER 9th, 1951, marked the issue of a new stamp which is of interest not only to philatelists but to many others. The stamp commemorates Bible Day and represents an open Bible laid across the map of Brazil with rays of light streaming from it to all parts of the country. Behind the map is a glowing sunrise.

We quote from an article in *The Christian* which gives an account of the spiritual sunrise now dawning over that great country. The article is written by David Glass and is entitled "Brazil Honours The Book".

"Over recent years Brazil has become the most progressive missionary field in the world. From all parts of the country comes news of new churches, great campaigns, remarkable progress. In the modern interior city of Belo Horizonte, an intensive campaign was held last month (November) in which all the Evangelical churches took part. Attendance at the early morning prayer meetings was nearly 500 sometimes, and open-air gatherings were held with crowds of 3,000 and 4,000 listening. Nearly 500 men and women made a public decision of accepting Christ as Saviour, and the whole city was shaken.

"Never in its history has Brazil imported as many Bibles as this year. The Bible House in Rio has been stocked to overflowing, and has been hard pressed getting the boxes and boxes of Scriptures out to all corners of the country, as fast as they come in. Tens of thousands of Bibles have gone out over the past few weeks.

"And now it falls to Brazil to be the first country in the world to issue a postal stamp honouring the Bible, and commemorating Bible Day, which was held on December 9th. It is certainly a courageous step on the part of the head of the post office, Colonel Adacto de Melo, who is an army officer and a Christian.

"The impact of this special stamp will be felt throughout the whole country, and many are the small congregations and churches in the interior which will be encouraged and strengthened by this moral support. Many will be those who will be stirred to read the Book, and the hands of others will be made strong as they carry the Word of God into unreached homes and hearts. It is cause indeed for praise and thanksgiving, and a clear indication of the need and opportunity of this field white unto harvest."

C.G.I.T. To Hold First National Camp

THOSE readers who were not so long ago Canadian Girls in Training will be pleased to know that the dream of a National Camp is finally coming true. On July 8, sixty-six senior girls chosen from all ten provinces and all four denominations — Baptist, Church of Christ (Disciples), Presbyterian and United Church — will gather at Camp Kwasind near Huntsville, Ontario, for ten wonderful days of play, planning and prayer.

For some time the national executive of the C.G.I.T. has felt that members should have a greater share in the planning of the national program. At the same time local groups have been widespread and it has been increasingly difficult to give the girls a sense of national unity. The solution to both problems was felt to be a National Camp where girls from all over Canada could meet to exchange ideas, suggestions and criticisms.

Another important objective of the camp is to give the girls a sense of their participation in Christian work as a whole. Miss Margaret Webster, National Girls' Work Secretary of the Canadian Council of Churches, and the Denominational Girls' Work Secretaries who will assist her as camp leaders feel that C.G.I.T. girls should see themselves as a link in the chain of Christian young people working everywhere for a better world. For this reason several overseas students studying in Canada on Church scholarships will join the group. The opportunity for our girls to gain first-hand knowledge of other countries while helping these students to understand our own should prove invaluable as preparation for their transition to the missionary society in years to come.

The Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., will be a member of staff. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg. N., who has just returned on furlough from India will be camp nurse and in charge of missionary education. Miss Carol Chiam, Formosan student studying at the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School will share in the camp fellowship.

Famine In India

Miss Marion Williamson Writes in Answer to a Query on Famine Conditions Among the Bhil People.

I AM enclosing herewith an article which Miss Ruth Buchanan has prepared. She is living right in a village and contacts the people in the surrounding villages and knows their conditions perhaps better than anyone else either European or Indian.

She has been giving work to as many people as possible, making bunds in fields to stop erosion, digging wells for farmers who will promise to pay if the crop is good, and trying every way to help as many as possible with the means at her disposal.

We, of course, are doing the same, but not in as personal a way as she is. We are using what money has come to us for Relief in making necessary repairs to our property and trying to help as many Christian people as we can.

One non-Christian man came this morning looking for medicine. His body is swollen from head to foot, due to lack of food. A woman was brought in from one of our Christian villages. She was very ill due to lack of proper food and feeding a baby a month and a half old.

We have now received some barley meal from the Church World Service also some multi-purpose food. These we can use to help most needy cases. They come in duty free on the understanding that they will be used for all alike, regardless of caste, or creed, so that we are free to help the non-Christians, too, with this food.

We had a visit from the Survey Committee of the National Christian Council and they said they had not seen as impoverished people as they saw in our district around Sardi, and they thought they had seen conditions which were bad.

The Prime Minister of Madhya Bharat visited this area and the paper reports that some relief will be given. They have brought powdered milk to Jobat and were enlisting the aid of the Christian men to help distribute in the villages. It takes time to get these things organized and it usually only touches the fringe. Every undertaking in this land is so vast that it is almost beyond our comprehension.

Officials claim there have been no deaths from starvation, but Miss Nichol told us of at least one man who died in hospital and she said it was lack of food. One great difficulty is that the Bhils have nothing to work at to earn any ready cash. This year the Mowrah crop, on which many were depending for the hot season, was a failure. With it goes its after-product, a seed from which oil is extracted. Then the mango crop is very slim. The drought has caused even some of the jungle roots to wither so that even those are not available.

When it is a vague far-off thing it is not so distressing, but when it comes to people you know and your neighbour is suffering from lack of food then it gets to be a real cause for worry.

I have been asked to be a member of a Relief Committee under the Mid-India Regional Christian Council and the National Christian Council, so in this way we will be more in touch with whatever free grain or relief is available and share in it.

Many people who eat regularly are in an undernourished state. We think that the grain now being supplied to them is not up to standard.

Marion Williamson.

"The Longest Stride of Soul Man Ever Took"

"Thank God our time is Now
When wrong comes up to face us everywhere,
Never to leave us till we take
The longest stride of soul men ever took."

Christopher Fry
—A Sleep of Prisoners.

I remember the aftermath of the Great Famine. Mother and we two children were away in the mountains: Father fought it out alone in the remote Bhil jungles below the Central India "ghats". The cholera camp was under the great *semal* tree; small-pox cases were in a mango grove; hungry and starving men and women and children were everywhere. When we returned to Amkhut after the rains had come little piles of human bones lay here and there by the river side.

People say, "But there's always a famine somewhere in India"—vast land of terrible poverty and equally terrible wealth. But, thank God, we have had in our area no real famine since that grim year 1900-'01, fifty-two years ago. We have had scarcity and hard times, but not famine. This year there is Famine here in our own mission field.

One great advantage we have, however, over 1900 there is grain to be had in the market towns. Government, roads and motor transport have so far maintained supplies. But it is available only at *famine prices.* The very poor are selling all they have (what have they?) to buy a handful of grain, a meagre supplement to their diet of roots and leaves and grass seed. There is no work.

Other years in other parts of India, but this year Famine is in our—your—Canadian Presbyterian Mission Field. Our "Little Canada". Our bit of Highland India. Our people. Our task. Fifty years ago Amkhut stood a Rock of Refuge in the storm, a Beacon Light in the desolation all around. A tall, pitiful young Canadian fought single-handed for his people against death and destruction. Amkhut since then during these "Fifty Golden Years" has been God's loving Hand touching these jungle people when their need is greatest. This year will Amkhut still fly the same bright banner, signalling Hope and Good News to all around?

We need money. Rs. 15 will keep a family for a month. $4.00. That is so little in Canada now — an evening's amusement? a book? a pair of gloves? Will you send it here instead where it is SO MUCH? $20.00 will tide a Bhil family through the five months till harvest. Will you adopt a family—INASMUCH — and make them your guests till the autumn? Will you interest your friends? Will you take it up in your Church—this task of reaching out to help and save "Little Canada" in India? We would like to be able to extend help to 5,000 families in our neighbour villages. Can you find 5,000 Canadian families to spare $20.00 each to save a Bhil family? How many can you find in your church?

If we Canadians on the field are in a position to relieve distress and suffering we can face whatever lies ahead. You won't leave us without adequate supplies, will you?

"The longest stride the soul men ever took."

Thank God our time is NOW.

Ruth Buchanan.

This is a call which we dare not ignore. Our response will be an extra over and above our regular givings.

Readers will be glad to know that Council Executive already has sent $1,600 to the Bhil Field for famine relief.

Send your money addressed:

Treasurer, Women's Missionary Society, W.D.,
Room 800, 100 Adelaide St. West,
Toronto 1, Ontario.

Marked—*Famine Relief.*

It will not, of course, be counted in our allocation.

L. K. P.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY — 1902-1952

WE KNOW a little boy who cannot read himself but who enjoys having someone read to him. He particularly likes the little book *Manuel* by Jeanette Perkins Brown and carefully points out each word on the title page insisting that all be read to him. Therefore when he in his turn "reads" to others he not only gives the title and the name of the author but ends triumphantly with the words "Friendship Press: New York". Indeed he likes the sound of those words so well that he credits that press with publishing all his books.

How many of us notice the names of the publishers of the books we read? If we look inside many of the books recommended on this page from month to month and of those displayed on literature tables at meetings we will see the same words our little friend found on the title page of *Manuel*—"Friendship Press: New York". Just what do those words mean to us when we see them? First of all they tell us that the book is published by the Joint Commission on Missionary Education and behind that lies a bit of history, history which should make the words "Friendship Press" mean more to us than merely a nice sounding combination of words.

The year 1952 is an important date in interdenominational missionary education for it is its Golden Anniversary year. For fifty years communions (now twenty-eight of them) of the Christian Church on the North American continent have been working together in this field but the history of this missionary movement really goes back much further than fifty years. In reality it can be traced back to that famous meeting which was held during a thunderstorm under a haystack in 1806 when some college students in Williamstown, Mass., talked about the world in which they lived, prayed together and pledged themselves to do their part in carrying the Gospel to the far corners of the earth. Soon these young men volunteered for missionary service and began to interest other young people in doing the same. Slowly interest spread gaining impetus in the 1880's and leading to the formation in 1886 of the Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions. New life began to stir in churches. Other young people began to ask for information with the result that in December 1901 there came together in New York City one hundred and ninety-five representatives from the leading Mission Boards of the United States and

Canada to discuss their mutual concern about mission work in their homelands and overseas. This was followed by another conference in July 1902, the historic date upon which there came into being what was then called the Young People's Missionary Movement — "because God set the world in the heart of youth who wished to share the excitement of their discoveries with others". The expressed purpose of this movement was to provide educational material and leadership and to encourage others to join in study, prayer and action for world missions. In order that this purpose might be achieved there was need for study books and other materials—these they set out to provide. It is of interest to note that the first book published was *The Price of Africa* and that the study theme for 1952-53 is also Africa.

Through the fifty years the name of the movement has changed from the Young People's Missionary Movement to the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada and again in 1950, with the formation of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., to Joint Commission on Missionary Education. The purpose has remained the same and the J.C.M.E. is still working for the cause that so thrilled the young people in 1806 and 1902. Now there are more than 500,000 pieces of material produced each year which are truthfully described by the words—"Here are books that point out pressing human needs, that tell the story of how the love of God touches the lives of people everywhere and how the Spirit of Christ is at work throughout the world."

Throughout the fifty years Canadian Mission Boards have been a part of this Missionary Education Movement, their representatives have attended its meetings, have shared in the planning of materials and have gained much from its fellowship. The General Board of Missions of our Church and the Women's Missionary Society W.D., are both members and each gives an annual grant towards assisting in subsidizing the education programme of the movement but the major part of the movement's budget comes from the pieces of material produced each year.

In this Golden Anniversary Year the Joint Commission on Missionary Education is raising a Golden Anniversary Fund of $100,000 to help expand the interdenominational activities of missionary education. All co-operating boards have been asked to contribute to this fund and ours have responded—the Church's Committee on Missionary Education has given one hundred and twenty-five dollars, the Women's Missionary Society two hundred dollars. It has been truly said that "The observance of the Golden Anniversary of the founding of the Missionary Education Movement of the United States and Canada is everybody's party. Many churches of many denominations gave the Movement life fifty years ago. Throughout the half century of its existence these and other churches have sustained it and benefited by it."

When we next see the words "Friendship Press" may they mean to us a missionary education movement of which we know ourselves to be a part, a movement with an honourable history of service resulting in much true friendship around the world, a movement with hope of a great future. We can contribute to that future by promoting the sale and use of the good missionary books which come to us from that press for children, young people and adults and by so doing we will also promote among our people an understanding of the world in which the Church finds itself and help to spread the Christian message and way of life throughout that world.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

SHARING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF SENIOR AUXILIARIES

THE closing words in a report of 1949 were: "Let us carry our banner high" and as I have read the reports of Presbyterials and Synodicals I am sure that is what they have been doing.

They report 18 new organizations in Senior Auxiliaries and a decrease of five. Our membership 15,783 an increase of 231. Total givings $159,060.36 an increase of $5,476.21. Average givings to General Fund $7.30. This is a very encouraging report which shows that our members are becoming more conscious of the great work which is being done and are accepting the challenge for the advancement of our missionary work.

There is much greater interest shown in *The Glad Tidings*. Many Auxiliaries had special meetings reviewing its contents and all felt it had been a meeting where they had learned a great deal about our missions and missionaries.

The Home Helpers helped by their prayers and givings and occasionally took charge of the Auxiliary meetings.

Devotional periods were considered as important as study periods and were as carefully prepared.

The Presbyterials were very much encouraged by visits of our regional secretaries and the general plea was for more secretaries.

A number of auxiliaries are taking a greater interest in the younger groups of our missionary family and in this way leaders are helped and encouraged to carry on this very important part of our work of gathering the children into our missionary life.

The Welcome and Welfare department reported a very busy year and helped many a lonely New Canadian.

The Supply department is always ready to help in any time of need and will gladly send bales to the needy.

Summary of Seven Synodicals

Montreal and Ottawa with six Presbyterials—123 Auxiliaries, 3 Associate groups, Home Helpers 1,391. Total membership 3,792. Offerings $30,749.74. Increase two organizations, 59 members, and $1,077.84 in givings.

Toronto and Kingston—12 Presbyterials, 236 Auxiliaries, 24 Associated and Affiliated societies, 2,430 Home Helpers. Total membership 7,622. Offering $36,855.74. Increase—2 organizations, 60 members, $1,849.03 givings.

Hamilton and London—10 Presbyterials, 221 Auxiliaries, Affiliated societies 4, Associate 1, Home Helpers 2,514. Total members 7,424. Offerings $51,535.96. Increase—1 Presbyterial, 5 organizations, decrease 3 Associate societies, 187 members and $1,629.59 in givings.

Manitoba with 3 Presbyterials, 32 Auxiliaries, 2 Affiliated, 2 Associate, 295 Home Helpers. Total membership 739. Total givings, $4,380.31. Increase 1 Auxiliary, 4 Associate. Decrease 90 in membership, increase $69.57 in givings.

Saskatchewan with 4 Presbyterials, 23 Auxiliaries and 11 Affiliated and Associate societies with 120 Home Helpers. Total membership 464. Offerings $3,359.34. Decrease 2 Auxiliaries, increase 1 Associate, increase of 19 members, increase of $235.03 in givings.

Alberta — 5 Presbyterials, 22 Auxiliaries and Affiliated and 8 Associate groups with 296 Home Helpers. Total membership 833. Offerings $5,463.39. Decrease 1 Auxiliary, increase 3 Associated and Affiliated societies, increase 116 members and $63.20 in givings.

British Columbia with 4 Presbyterials, 36 Auxiliaries, 4 Affiliated, 2 Associate, Home Helpers 324. Total membership 897. Offerings $6,720.38. Decrease 1 Auxiliary and 46 members, increase in givings $56.95.

Even when we read these splendid reports we still feel concerned about the great number of our women who are not interested in our work. Are we as individual members doing our part to interest them in the great task of Winning the World for Christ?

Many of our members have gone to their Heavenly home and we can hear the Master say, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the Joy of Thy Lord."

We give thanks to God for His goodness to us in 1951 and may He ever be our guide and strength.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

Dear Young Women:

DOES June find you generally listless and weary in well-doing, doubting the very purpose of your effort? Does the Summer mean a period of hibernation for you? Or, is yours a rural group whose "peak season" in effort must come in the summertime?

Perhaps the thing we need, more than anything else, is a change from the usual way of doing things. My contact with groups during the Summer months brings to mind many happy experiences in group life, such as:—

Outdoor meetings, when the members gathered at a suburban home. In some cases, each of the girls brought a favourite book or periodical which she reviewed very briefly and then passed on to another member for reading enjoyment. Informality was the keynote, and refreshments varied from picnic fare to iced drinks and cookies. Some groups made their summer meeting a family affair, with husbands, children, games, and a basket picnic.

There is a great value and endless variety in such meetings. But of even greater value is the Summer project in which a group undertakes some special piece of service to the Church or community. For instance:—

How about assisting at Vacation Bible School? This might be done not only through sharing a skill such as games, music, story-telling, or handcrafts—but by taking responsibility for the school "outing". (This might be an excursion to some place of interest when car drivers would be needed.) Those of you who have led Vacation Bible Schools realize the continual need of leadership. Each one of us has some talent to share with the oncoming generation. Let's use it in a worthwhile programme, such as Vacation Schools or Camp.

Perhaps your share will be in encouraging some of the men of your community to contribute *their* leadership. It is not an easy matter to keep active junior and intermediate boys interested for a whole morning. I can remember my own gratitude to manual training teachers, and fathers for the way in which they came to the rescue, offering to teach woodworking, Indian lore, or photography two or three periods during Vacation School.

The enthusiasm, of the boys, however, made my word of appreciation quite superfluous.

Yes, to the young, and the young in spirit, Summer offers endless scope for venturing along new paths of service. May the joy of discovery and fulfilment be yours as you seek to share your gift with others.

Grace Irvine.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary

THE FORMATION OF A FRENCH C.G.I.T. GROUP IN QUEBEC

BY MRS. JACQUES SMITH

THE girls of the French Protestant Church of L'Eglise Des Cantons De L'Est situated in Melbourne, Quebec, would meet once a month on a Saturday afternoon in the Church Hall or at the home of their minister's wife for various activities pertaining to handwork such as: flannelgraph, decorations for Christmas, St. Valentine, Easter favours, etc. The ages ranged from four to fourteen so it was rather a problem to get them all working satisfactorily together. After several attempts it was found necessary to divide them into two groups, and have them come separately.

A year later Mrs. Smith thought about organizing a C.G.I.T. group, but the need did not seem pressing as only a few were of age and of these some were from the country and would find it difficult to attend meetings, so nothing was done at the time.

Then a C.G.I.T. Conference was held in Richmond. Each church was asked to send a representative to bear greetings. It was Mrs. Smith's privilege to do this pleasant task for our Church. Seeing the happy gathering recalled memories of some meetings and a camp she had attended. A small number no longer seemed an obstacle and it did not seem fair to deprive these growing girls of this wonderful experience while waiting for their younger sisters and cousins to grow up.

So letters to this effect were dispatched to the Denominational and Provincial Secretaries and soon material was received on "How to Begin". The first meeting was held on Nov. 16, 1951. Officers were elected; you may think it is easy to choose three officers from five possible candidates but just you try it once! Immediately after we registered with our two secretaries.

Various problems immediately arose. For evangelistic reasons peculiar to our race, culture and province, it is our duty and desire to retain our language and culture as much as possible. We thought it would be a high honour to be the first French C.G.I.T. Group. (Am I wrong?) Due to this ambition it took us longer to get started. Rev. Jacques Smith undertook for us the difficult task of translating as accurately as possible the Purpose and Initiation Ceremony.

We planned to carry on as much as possible of our meeting in French, opening ceremony, devotional period; games, singing and projects may be bilingual on occasion of necessity. For lack of song leaflets and the wherewithal with which to buy them, we decided to learn some of our folk songs. These are hectographed on sheets one per meeting.

One of our first activities as a group was to sell Church Calendars. This gave us our first funds and we bought a Leaders Book, a tiny baby doll (which we dressed and gave to a hospital visitor) and some necessary material for our meetings.

The Initiation Ceremony was held on January 20, 1952, during the morning service. In the absence of Miss MacNeill, Provincial Secretary, who was unable to come, Mrs. C. R. Boast presented the ties and purpose cards. We have chosen "Hosanna" for our group name and "Ever Upward" for our group motto.

At Christmas we took part in the Sunday School programme and later helped take down the decorations. We have assumed charge of the Kindergarten Class, permitting the mothers to attend the service.

In early March, Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary for The Presbyterian Church in Canada visited us. The girls loved her and what she had to say to them. The mothers learned the purpose of C.G.I.T. and its importance, whilst the leader received encouragement and much helpful information. We heartily recommend visits from secretaries especially to newly formed groups.

In case we sound like we have accomplished a lot, we confess that we will not be able to cover the entire programme requirements this year, partly due to having started late in the year, meeting only every other week, and having to adapt material to our use; but we are beginning to get the "feeling" of C.G.I.T. and we are happy indeed to have joined its ranks. We say "Go Ahead" and "Good Luck" to any leaders and girls contemplating organizing a new group!

La Devise C.G.I.T.

Comme une fille Canadienne en entreinement,
Sous la conduite de Jesus,
Je me propose:
D'entretenir ma Santé,
Chercher la Vérité,
Servir les Autres,
Et ainsi, par Son secours, devenir
La fille que Dieu voudrais que je sois.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

Dear Boys and Girls:

Summer is here and holidays are not far off. I'm sure you can hear the call of the grassy fields, the woods, and the beaches telling of the happy times in store for all. Wouldn't this be a good time to enjoy the out-of-doors with your Mission Band, Explorer Group, or your Sunday School class? Do ask your leader about it.

During the lovely days to come, as we pause to look at the beauty about us, there shall be times too when we feel that God is very near to us. So let us plan to worship outdoors at least once this summer. We in turn will find that we can come very close to God and there is so much for which we will wish to give thanks to Him.

Make your way, then, to a nice quiet spot in the garden, in the park, in the woods, on a grassy hillside, or perhaps at the water's edge. Take this book along with you and use the worship service which is printed here especially for you. It matters not whether you are with your group, your Sunday School class, your family, a friend, or all by yourself. God will be with you as you think of each word.

In Psalm 95 it says—

"O come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

Hymn No. 725 tells of God's gifts to us—

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,

All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,

He made their glowing colors,
He made their tiny wings.

We read these words in Psalm 92—

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto Thy name, O Most High: To show forth Thy loving kindness in the morning and Thy faithfulness every night, — for Thou, Lord, hast made me glad through Thy work; — O Lord, how great are Thy works!"

Poem—

God gave me eyes that I might see
The beauty round me of the tree,
And of the tiny flowers that grow
In the meadow where I go.

God gave me ears that I might hear
The sound of bird songs soft yet clear,
The sound of brook and rustling trees
That are the wind harps of the breeze.

God gave me lips that I might sing,
And joy to those about me bring,
That I might tell the things I know
That God is good and loves us so.

—From *Exploring God's Out-of-Doors,* by Rebecca Rice. Copyright, The Pilgrim Press.

May this be our prayer to God, our Maker—

Dear God, we thank Thee for
- the sun which gives light and warmth as we work and play by day.
- the moon and stars which cast their soft silver rays on all the earth as we, Thy children, rest.
- the rain which keeps the earth so fresh and green and helps make food and water for all.
- the wind which drives away the storm clouds after the rain, leaving the earth cool and refreshed.
- our family and friends who help to make this a happy, friendly place in which to live.

Dear God we ask Thee to help us to:
- look for beauty even when all seems dull.
- do our share to keep our community as clean and lovely as possible.
- be kind and friendly so no one may be sad or lonely because we have forgotten them.
- remember how Jesus taught and worshipped and prayed on the hills of Galilee, so we may learn to live as God's children should. AMEN.

Instructions For Distribution 1951 Annual Report

The Annual Report for the year 1951 will reach you shortly. A copy of the Annual Report is mailed *directly to each Synodical and Presbyterial officer* whose name is listed in the printed Report, as well as to officers who were reported too late for printing. The copies *for the branches* are as usual being sent to the Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries, and should be distributed *promptly*. Secretaries should send them as follows:

—Two to each Senior Auxiliary (afternoon or evening);
—Two to each Evening Auxiliary;
—Two to each Young Women's Auxiliary;
—One to each Affiliated or Associate Society;
—One to the girls' group (or groups in a congregation);
—One to each Mission Band;
—One to each Explorer Group.

Promptness is best achieved by the Presbyterial Secretary mailing directly to each secretary (or leader) of the groups.

The reading and study of the report, however, should not be limited or confined to these. The Annual Report is a record of the year's work and a general use of them will *pay rich dividends.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyterial—The new Explorer Group at **Kamloops** initiated fourteen members on February 27th. The Chief Counsellor, Mrs. Cullen, conducted the service assisted by Counsellors Mrs. D. Arnott and Mrs. M. MacSween. The girls solemnly took their vows and were presented with their insignia and pins.

Westminster Presbyterial — Mrs. P. Edge presides at **Mount Lehman** Senior Auxiliary meetings which are held monthly at the homes of the members who find the study book *Meet The South Americans* very interesting, and they are very busy working for the Supply Department. Members attended the World Day of Prayer meeting and the President was a delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterial.

St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary, **New Westminster**, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting on April 8th, when the guest speaker was Dr. Ross Mackay of the University of British Columbia, grandson of Dr. George Leslie Mackay, the first missionary to Formosa. Dr. Mackay gave an informative talk on Formosa.

Prince Rupert Senior Auxiliary had as guest speaker at a recent meeting, the minister, Dr. E. A. Wright, who took for his subject "Tasks" and spoke of many different tasks, especially the missionary task. The motto the speaker left with each member was, "Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

The Junior Mission Band of Mount Pleasant Church, **Vancouver**, was registered recently with the Children's Work Secretary. Enrolled among the thirty wee tots between the ages of two and five years are Canadians, Dutch, Chinese, French and German. In the Senior Mission Band, besides Canadians, are French, Danish and Finnish—a total of nineteen. Many of these children in both groups are unable, upon first attendance, to speak a word of English. Guided by Miss Anderson, Mrs. A. B. Basey and Mrs. Harris, these children are not only learning English, but are being won for Christ. Prayers are asked for this important work and may it be that the parents, too, are won for Him.

ALBERTA

MRS. M. S. BLACKBURN, 2116 - 15TH ST. W., CALGARY, PRESS SECRETARY

MRS. W. Kirkpatrick of Red Deer was elected President of the Synodical at the 38th annual meeting held in First Church, Edmonton. Reports from all departments were encouraging. Twelve new groups were reported with a membership of 119. *The Glad Tidings* Secretary reported an increase in subscriptions; the Visual Aid Secretary reported that her department is really on the move with an increase in the use of Visual Aid equipment. The Rev. Wm. Brown, formerly with the Inter-Presbytery Fellowship in Scotland, and now minister of Knox Church, Lloydminster, spoke at the Wednesday evening banquet. He stated that it has been his experience that where there is a strong W.M.S. Auxiliary in any church the light shines farthest and brightest. Mrs.

Frederick Metzgay, wife of the Hungarian minister in Edmonton, brought the devotional message at the evening session. Mrs. S. Sass, wife of a Ukrainian Presbyterian minister, and a former dramatic opera singer in the Ukraine, Austria, Germany and Switzerland, sang in Ukrainian from Handel's opera "Rinaldo". Miss Marjorie MacKay told of her work in the Peace River. The van enables the workers to visit many points in widely scattered areas not reached by bus or train. The people are waiting and hungry for services at Dixonville where they have a beautifully furnished little log church. At Brownvale, near Blueberry Mountain, Miss MacKay found a new church, which was opened last July. A W.M.S. meeting was held and some women were so anxious to come that they would not be kept at home by almost impassable roads, and so they came on tractors. Would that all our women had such a vision of the work! Before the sessions closed, a Memorial Service was held for the late Mrs. R. H. MacMicking.

Calgary Presbyterial—As a culmination of their mission study on South America, Grace Church C.G.I.T., Calgary, held a unique supper meeting, when South American food was served, the girls and their leaders wore South American dress and decorations followed the same theme. Guests included Auxiliary, Presbyterial and Synodical Presidents, and the ministers of Grace Church. Movie reels of South America were shown, as well as posters and a display of a South American village, the latter made by the girls themselves.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The special Easter programme as given in *The Glad Tidings,* was used at the regular monthly meeting of Carstairs Auxiliary. The Roll Call was answered by one of the Beatitudes. It was decided to accept the allocation for Supply, and a number of items were offered for the layette. The quilt to be sent to the Indian School was displayed by Mrs. Marsh, who had made it. Plans were made for holding a Birthday Tea, at which the admission will be one cent for each year of age.

SASKATCHEWAN

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THE highlight of the 38th annual meeting of the Saskatchewan Synodical Society held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, was the address of Miss E. A. Gordon, a visitor to Canada from Rasta's Peth, Poona City, India. Miss Gordon has spent forty years in educational work in India and was able to speak authoritatively on the India of to-day.

The theme of the meeting was James 1:17 and representatives from the four Presbyterials led in the devotional periods each day. Miss Jessie Walls presided at all sessions. All reports were presented with precision and despatch and indicated a satisfactory year. An impromptu demonstration put on by a number of the delegates under the direction of Mrs. James McGillivray of Weyburn, was of special interest. It illustrated the many steps of the annual report and clearly showed the necessity for accuracy and promptness at all levels. A round table discussion, chaired by Mrs. Wm. Kelly, past President of the Synodical, in which the four Presbyterial Presidents took part provoked spirited discussions and much favourable comment. Topics dealt with under the general heading of Presbyterial Problems were as follows: the value of Regional and Sectional meetings; ways to increase membership and givings; the best times to hold annual meetings and for visiting speakers; Federation. Miss Walls was re-elected to the Presidency of the Synodical for another year. Mrs. J. A. Sinclair installed the new officers and a closing message and prayer by Miss E. A. Gordon brought the sessions to a close.

Saskatoon Presbyterial—The ladies' groups of St. Andrew's Church, **Rosetown,** held their annual meeting for the Easter Thankoffering on April 2nd. A brief business meeting of the Senior Ladies' Aid took place first and then the Junior Ladies' Auxiliary had charge of a very interesting programme based on the Easter theme. Mrs. Roberts welcomed the ladies and introduced the special speaker, Mrs. Nixon of Saskatoon, who spoke on missions, basing her remarks on the tenth verse of the eighth chapter of Nehemiah. She stressed the value of prayer and called it the most valuable secret weapon the world has known. Mrs. A. Alexander and Mrs. Wiseman led in the devotions and Mrs. Manning sang. A social hour followed and tea was served by the Junior Auxiliary.

Miss E. A. Gordon was guest speaker at a meeting of Parkview Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** and her message was much enjoyed by all those privileged to hear it. At the same meeting Miss Jessie Walls, Synodical President, presented Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. T. Boyd and Mrs. W. Heighes with gifts in recognition of their faithful service.

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THE 38th annual meeting of the Synodical Society convened in First Church, **Winnipeg.** The President, Mrs. C. LeCocq, presided at all sessions. The meeting was constituted and greetings were brought by the Presidents of the three Presbyterials. Mrs. LeCocq thanked the members for their support during the past five years she has held office. A very fine address by Miss Helen M. Horne, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary on Council Executive, was much enjoyed. She said various organizations within the Presbyterian Church were linked to a golden tower with opportunity the password. Miss Horne outlined the history of the Women's Missionary Society—"a force in the outreach of our Church"—from its organization in 1864 to the present day. Task and vision make a missionary she said and that "we suffer too rigid an adherence to age groups", and urged further intermingling and the formation of family groups.

Reports were given by the various departmental secretaries and these were discussed by Miss Horne, Mrs. A. W. Pae and Miss Margaret MacNaughton after their presentation. Mrs. Pae, President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.), stressed the importance of helping New Canadians to know Canada and its people better. She announced the appointment of Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary on Council Executive, to attend an executive committee meeting of the International Missionary Council to be held in Germany in July. Miss Pelton is the only official representative from Canada and one of seven from North America. Mrs. Pae brought greetings from Council Executive.

Mrs. G. W. Bradley told of 1,146 visits being made to hospitals and nursing homes during the past three months. She said this is one of the most important parts of national missionary work. A service of remembrance was conducted by Mrs. J. McLeod of Brandon, for those of the Society who had been called to higher service during the past year. Greetings were brought from the Synod by Rev. D. C. Hill and from the Inter-Church council by Mr. L. C. Gudmundson. Miss Horne presented the 1952 objective for Manitoba Synodical, 500 new members and five new groups.

Mrs. A. W. Pae installed the officers for 1952. Mrs. W. S. Nairn of Fort William is the new President. In the absence of Mrs. Nairn the rest of the business was conducted by Mrs. C. LeCocq, retiring president, who announced the next annual meeting would be held in Fort William. The meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. R. Wallace and the singing of the National Anthem.

Brandon Presbyterial — The executive of the Presbyterial met in St. Andrew's Church, **Brandon.** Mrs. J. G. McBurney presided. Mrs. J. Muir, president of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, led the service of worship. Plans were made for the annual spring rally May 27th and the visit of Miss Ellen Anderson, missionary on furlough from British Guiana. Tentative plans were made for sectional meetings in the fall, one for the southern section and one in the northern section of the Presbyterial. Interesting and helpful discussion of the different departments of the work took place with Mrs. Arthur W. Pae and Miss Helen M. Horne and Miss Margaret MacNaughton taking part.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting was held in First Church, Brandon. The president presided and the Rev. N. O. Nugent led the devotions. The special speakers were Mrs. Arthur W. Pae and Miss Helen Horne of Toronto. The work of the Society in its various branches was illustrated by a flannelgraph W.M.S. wheel. Mrs. Pae spoke on the overseas part of the work and the great need for mobile clinics and workers in the mission fields. One of the senior members, Mrs. J. F. Leslie, was presented with an Honorary Life Membership, a gift from the Brandon Presbyterial Executive. The presentation was made by Mrs. Pae.

Neepawa Auxiliary held their Easter Thank-offering meeting in April when Mrs. J. Hall, the president, led in the service of worship. Mrs. D. Lindsay and Mrs. J. Irwin were in charge of the programme. Captain Ethel Marquardson of the Salvation Army was the guest speaker and she based her address on the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

Knox Church Auxiliary, **Carberry,** held their Easter Thank-offering in April when the president, Mrs. R. J. Hood, was in the chair and Mrs. C. LeCocq, Past President of the Synodical, was guest speaker. Following the devotions conducted by the president assisted by Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Armstrong the girls of the C.G.I.T. group sang. A number of ladies from Brandon and Wellwood and the auxiliary members received inspiration from Mrs. LeCocq's address on "The Easter Message". The Senior and Junior Mission Bands held their Thank-offering meeting under the direction of their leaders, Mrs. Thomson and Mrs. McNeil. Mrs. Johnstone was the speaker.

Superior Presbyterial—Phases of the Society's work were discussed by Mrs. Arthur W. Pae and Miss Helen M. Horne at an Executive meeting of the Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, Fort William. The discussions touched on finances, allowances, programmes and organization of new groups. Mrs. Pae gave a report on the delegation which went to Formosa from Toronto on the occasion of the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the founding of The Presbyterian Church in Formosa. Mrs. D. MacDougall and Miss M. I. L. Smellie conducted the devotions. Following the meeting dinner was served by members of the Evening Guild and delegates later adjourned to the home of Mrs. LeCocq.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—The Easter Thank-offering meeting of **Stonewall** Auxiliary was held at the home of Mrs. I. Robson. Mrs. J. R. McDonald of Kildonan was guest speaker and brought greetings from that Auxiliary. She gave a brief report on part of the recent Synodical annual meeting and a short message on "Why we should be thankful at Easter time". The programme for Easter given in the March *Glad Tidings* was used and with the splendid address proved inspirational.

The Evening Auxiliary of St. James Church, **Winnipeg,** held a successful Thank-offering meeting in April. The film "Wings To The Word" was shown and was greatly enjoyed. This is an interesting story of the spread of the Gospel in South America and makes us realize more fully the need of putting "wings" to the Word in that country where travel is so difficult. We would recommend this film to all auxiliaries. Miss Margaret Dunwoody presided.

The singing of the C.G.I.T. hymn opened the rally held in St. James Church, Winnipeg, on April 12th. Thirty-five girls, leaders and friends joined in games conducted by Miss Margaret MacNaughton following the opening ceremony. During the singing of "Steal Away to Jesus" the girls quietly proceeded to the Church auditorium for their theme address "Faith of Our Fathers", given by Rev. J. D. Marnoch, minister of St. John's Church, Winnipeg, Mr. Marnoch brought to the girls vividly and clearly the history of the Christian Church. The struggle our fathers made to keep their faith. The Church has a great task to do and each girl has an important part in the work of spreading the "Good News". Discussion groups were led by Miss Margaret Dunwoody, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. J. P. Duffin. The girls discussed the topic "What the Church has to do and what their share of this work is". We were especially happy to welcome Miss Shirley Churchill and Miss Evelyn Fair and their leaders from Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School at Kenora, also girls and leaders from Selkirk C.G.I.T., St. James, Calvin and Elmwood churches. Mr. Marnoch told of C.G.I.T. and Presbyterian Church camps. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, President of Winnipeg Presbyterial, brought greetings. The film "Fire Upon The Earth" was shown at the evening session and served to emphasize Mr. Marnoch's address. Elmwood C.G.I.T. conducted the closing worship service.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Miss Florence Baxter, Front St., Chippawa, Press Secretary

THE annual meeting of Hamilton and London Synodical was held in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, **Hamilton,** April 1, 2, 3, with Mrs. W. E. Stauth, Synodical President, presiding. Several reports were given on the first evening followed by a splendid address on Formosa by Miss Laura K. Pelton, who had recently visited that mission field, and the evening closed with Family Worship led by Rev. Stanley Vance, B.A., minister of St. Paul's Church.

Wednesday morning was devoted to reports and discussion groups, after greetings from the Presbytery and the Council Executive had been duly extended. In the afternoon the Rev. D. J. Lane, Moderator of the Synod of Hamilton and London, extended greetings, following which Miss Ellen Anderson, on furlough from British Guiana, gave an address.

Wednesday evening the Very Rev. Wm. Barclay, D.D., President of the Canadian Council of Churches, led the evening devotions. Following another session of reports the Rev. R. Malcolm Ransom, Fort Erie, who returned from our mission in Yunnan, China, in 1950. addressed the meeting. It was indeed a privilege and responsibility to hear both of these speakers from the mission fields and Miss Pelton.

Thursday morning was devoted to business, the adoption of reports and the installation of the officers for 1952. At the close of the retiring President's message the Rev. Stanley Vance gave the Benediction.

The greatest challenge of the meeting might be summed up in "Continue instant in prayer", for more missionaries—Formosa is open and waiting for the Gospel. Miss Pelton said we could easily use twenty-five new workers there in 1952 if we had the workers and the means of their support—Formosa is the responsibility of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Pray that we may not fail. Also at home we have an aim during 1952 for 100 new missionary groups and 10,000 new missionary members. The call is so great, the leaders few. Working together we can easily do this.

Bruce and Owen Sound Presbyterial—Port Elgin C.G.I.T. and Mission Band members attended the Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Beatrice Scott Evening Auxiliary. Miss Marion Nicoll presided. The C.G.I.T. presented a missionary play, the Mission Band children sang. In a most impressive service the C.G.I.T. was affiliated with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Donald McLean of Southampton, Secretary for the Evening Department of the Presbyterial, conducted the service assisted by Miss Lulu Gingrich, President of the Auxiliary and Mrs. Woodrow Muir, leader of the C.G.I.T. Mrs. John Hart gave an interesting report of the Synodical annual meeting held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton.

Chatham Presbyterial — Amherstburg Auxiliary marked the 35th anniversary of their organization on March 21st. Two original members were present, one of whom, Miss Margaret Hackett, gave the early history of the Auxiliary. Mrs. W. E. Stauth, Synodical President of Hamilton and London, was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting talk on "Anniversaries".

Chatham Auxiliary had Mrs. D. R. McLaren of Duart to address their Spring Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Oliver

Drury, President, announced the safe arrival in India of our missionaries, Rev. Alvin and Mrs. McIntosh (Mrs. McIntosh being the former Miss Graham of Blenheim). Thirty cards and letters were sent and twenty visits were made in the Welcome and Welfare Department during the month.

In **Thamesville** the Turin Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Lyle Mallett.

The Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Windsor,** held a rummage sale and planned a Mother-and-Daughter banquet for May 8th.

The Alexander Bartlett Auxiliary, St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, reported sunny skies and a record attendance at their annual tea.

Hamilton Presbyterial — The Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Burlington,** were at home to the Evening Auxiliary on the first anniversary of this new auxiliary. Mrs. Duncan Allan, Presbyterial President, showed pictures and Mrs. A. J. McLeish, Young Women's Secretary, brought greetings from the Presbyterial.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Hamilton,** celebrated their 60th anniversary. One hundred and twenty-five guests were present, many coming from neighbouring auxiliaries in Caledonia, Grimsby, West Flamboro, Burlington, Stoney Creek and other Hamilton churches. Miss Mary McQuesten gave a short poem by the Rev. J. A. Wilson, a former minister of St. Andrew's Church. Greetings from the Presbyterial were extended by Mrs. Duncan Allan, the President. Visiting auxiliaries were welcomed by Mesdames John Cumberland, Wm. Laing, C. L. Cowan and J. A. Coutts and for the special programme, seated with the President were several past presidents. Several ladies gave historical items of interest and Rev. J. P. McLeod offered prayer.

Knox Church Auxiliary, Hamilton, met with Mrs. Wm. Weaver presiding. News of Miss Margaret Kennedy, the group's prayer partner, was given and Miss Margaret Allan gave a short talk.

In **West Flamboro** Miss Mae Hugill was hostess to the Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary. At this Easter meeting plans were made for a baked goods sale to be held in Dundas, also for commencing nursery classes during the church service.

London Presbyterial — Some forty women from London Presbyterial were privileged to attend some or all of the sessions of the Hamilton and London Synodical annual meeting which was held in St. Paul's Church, Hamilton. They all felt that they had gained much valuable information from the exchange of ideas, also a new vision of service in the inspirational messages. The publicity given the annual meeting by the Press was especially good and our local Presbyterial, too, is much pleased with the cooperation our Press is giving us.

Miss Elizabeth Moodie began her counselling tour of the Presbyterial at **Ailsa Craig** at an Easter Thank-offering meeting convened by the Senior Auxiliary with the Sunbeam Mission Band as guests. The Mission Band children contributed with a nice programme and Miss Moodie's talk was much appreciated. At **Belmont** the Sunday School teachers were joined by teachers from Yarmouth and by the Mission Band leader so that they might all meet Miss Moodie and the meeting was most instructive. At New St. James' Church, **London,** a supper meeting was held for the Sunday School teachers as well as Worship group leaders, and similarly interested friends from Oxford Park, London, were invited that they, too, might meet Miss Moodie. Miss Moodie gave a wealth of information to help make teaching more effective as she is an experienced teacher and leader in the work of children up to twelve years of age.

The Rev. D. J. Firth, a former missionary to British Guiana, was the special speaker at the Easter Thank-offering service of the Goforth Evening Auxiliary of New St. James Church, London. He told of the educational work in the mission field where he was recently stationed.

New St. James Afternoon Auxiliary, London, held their Easter Thank-offering meeting in their newly decorated Church Hall. Seventy-five ladies were present and the Easter service from *The Glad Tidings* was used. Mrs. G. A. Wheable was the special speaker and her theme was the cross-roads faced by the present world and the great decisions and responsibilities facing us as Christian workers. The Explorer Group, under the leadership of Mrs. S. A. McLeod, presented a programme of musical numbers and readings and a tea hour followed. In response to the appeal in *The Presbyterian Record* 16 lbs. of used Christmas cards went to Mrs. James Dickson for her work in Formosa.

At **Bethel** the Young Women's Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. Wm. McNaughton of Ilderton on April 7th and the special speaker was Mrs. Nelson C. Harris of London. Mrs. Harris stressed the great influence for good we, as Christians possess, and urged that all gifts or talents be used for the betterment of the world.

On April 8th Mrs. Carl Welker, first Vice-President of London Presbyterial visited **Dorchester** Auxiliary as their guest speaker. Mrs. Welker took the words "Unto The Hills" as her general theme in bringing an Easter message.

Belmont Auxiliary held their Easter Thank-offering meeting in the Sunday School room with visitors present from neighbouring Churches. Mrs. E. Price presided and the guest speaker was Mrs. S. J. Grosvenor, newly-elected Recording Secretary of Hamilton and London Synodical Society. She gave highlights from the Synodical meeting and urged all W.M.S. workers to always concern themselves with the young people who will be the future workers in the Church. Mrs. J. D. Meikle thanked Mrs. Grosvenor for a fine Synodical report.

Maitland Presbyterial — Langside and **Teeswater** Auxiliaries wish to place on record the passing of a valued member in the person of Miss Kate McLennan on March 17th. Miss McLennan was in her 85th year and was the last charter member of the Langside Auxiliary in which she served for many years in its various departments of W.M.S. work. For the past thirty-two years she has been a faithful member of Knox Church, Teeswater, and her devotion to all the calls of her Church was such that she will indeed be greatly missed by her co-workers.

Knox Church Afternoon Auxiliary, **Ripley**, had their March meeting at the home of Mrs. J. A. MacDonald, with Mrs. Kenneth McKay in the chair. Plans were made to entertain the Evening Auxiliary. Mrs. McKay was appointed to be the Synodical representative from the auxiliary.

In **Wingham** the Easter Thank-offering was held April 1st in the church parlours of St. Andrew's Church and Mrs. Henderson of Walkerton was the guest speaker. A letter was received from the Rev. Allan Reoch of British Guiana thanking the auxiliary for a shipment of Bibles and books which had recently been sent to him.

The Auxiliary of **Seaforth** Presbyterian Church held their Easter Thank-offering meeting at which a group of ladies from the Wingham Auxiliary put on the programme. Mrs. Alex. Nimmo was the speaker.

Niagara Presbyterial — The Executive meeting of the Niagara Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, Welland, and routine business was handled. Mrs. Gordon Whitton spoke of the great help Miss Lily Macarthur had been in her recent work in this Presbyterial. Mrs. Hudson Woodruff called attention to the special meeting of the Drummond Hill, Agnes Wallace Alpha Auxiliary, Niagara Falls, when many friends from neighbouring Societies and their Senior Auxiliary joined them in their Spring Thank-offering meeting. Miss Olive Grant, secretary to Miss Laura K. Pelton, was guest speaker. She showed slides taken by Miss Pelton on her recent visit to Japan and Formosa. Two Formosan girls, now in Canada for a year's special study in our Missionary and Deaconess Training School, Toronto, and the Toronto Conservatory of Music, accompanied Miss Grant.

Chippawa Mission Band—We promise not to mention Chippawa too often but in our first report as Press Secretary we did have to tell about a fine programme our little folk provided Easter week when they were at home, at an early evening meeting, to our church friends. For some of the choral numbers the platform was filled, and one caught the spirit of Easter Joy as the children sang.

In St. Andrew's Church, **Welland,** Dr. J. Christy Wilson, Professor of Missions at the Princeton Theological Seminary in New Jersey, addressed a recent Sunday morning congregation, giving a forceful talk on missionary work, from personal experience gained from visiting many mission fields. Rev. D. D. Davidson, minister of St. Andrew's, met Dr. Wilson at summer courses at Princeton and he was pleased to introduce Dr. Wilson to his congregation and to have him assist in conducting morning worship.

Paris Presbyterial—The April meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Brantford,** was a Thank-offering meeting held in the church with members of W.M.S. Auxiliaries from the other Presbyterian churches attending in goodly numbers. The President, Mrs. W. Allum, was in charge and welcomed the visitors. The guest speaker of the evening was Miss Isabel Scott, deaconess at Central Church, Brantford. She gave an interesting talk on the work of our Church in Western Canada and stressed the need for continued efforts in this great field. Miss Scott served as a deaconess in this area prior to coming to Brantford.

Sarnia Presbyterial — "Family Night" was observed by members of the **Wyoming, Pioneer** Auxiliary. Musical numbers were given by the Senior members and the Mission Band presented a skit from their study book. Games and refreshments followed.

In **Watford** Mrs. Alex. Galbraith presided at the Auxiliary meeting which met at the home of Mrs. A. Walker. Mrs. Wm. Hollingsworth presided for the Ladies' Aid as both organizations met together.

The Explorer Group of Paterson Memorial Church, **Sarnia**, held a Mother-and-Daughter banquet on March 12th. The Rev. D. G. Seaton spoke briefly to the girls and their mothers and a three-act play and a sing song was followed by taps. Mrs. Jean Lennon and her assistants are justifiably proud of their more than forty Explorers.

The C.G.I.T. at Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, held a tea, the tickets for which created much interest being made in the form of old-fashioned high buttoned shoes.

Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, have recently re-organized their Jubilee Mission Band. They meet the last Sunday morning of each month at 11.00 a.m. while their parents are at morning worship.

Stratford Presbyterial—Sixty members of the Young Women's Auxiliaries of the Presbyterial gathered in Knox Church, Stratford, for their annual rally. Mrs. J. Williams, Milverton, presided and Mrs. Donald B. Mackay welcomed the visitors from Milverton, Stratford and Listowel. The rally was a supper hour fellowship under the Mary and Martha Auxiliary of Knox Church and the guest speaker was Miss Margaret MacKenzie, who is leaving in July for Formosa.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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THE annual meeting of the Synodical Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Lindsay, on April 22, 23, 24. The theme of the meeting was "The Royal Road" as travelled by Jesus from His birth to His resurrection and the devotions were all based on this theme.

Splendid congregations attended the afternoon and evening sessions, over three hundred registering. Honoured guests attending all the sessions were Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Vice-President of the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and Mrs. D. F. Hazell, Supply Secretary on Council Executive, who brought greetings from Council Executive. The members of the Synodical were welcomed to Lindsay Presbyterial by Mrs. J. Cathcart, President, and to St. Andrew's Church by the minister Rev. Donald McQueen, while the mayor brought his greetings and cordially welcomed the members to the town of Lindsay. Greetings were also read from sister synodicals of Montreal and Ottawa, and Hamilton and London, two former members of the Executive, Mrs. N. R. D. Sinclair and Mrs. Firth, and from the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Leslie Frost. The Rev. W. J. Walker, B.A., D.D., Moderator of Synod in bringing greetings said that the infidelity of the masses to the Saviour is the cause of the upheaval in the world, but God will triumph; young men seem filled with the Gospel and young people seem anxious to get the vision of the true God. Many beautiful solos and a splendid pageant by the Ivy Mission Band of Lindsay added to the enjoyment of the sessions.

Speaking on Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Inkster told of the reasons for the objective of 100 new groups and 10,000 new members. Expenses are rising everywhere, we must expand, must nurture the new Christians at home and abroad. How can we reach our objective? By bringing our auxiliaries to a higher standard of thinking as to the needs and by having a more informed membership about our own work and also world missions.

In her address Tuesday evening, Miss Irvine, Youth Secretary, spoke of the unrest all over the world but said there was no reason why it should not flow in Christian channels if we see our task. Our young women are sensitive to human needs, full of energy and have splendid organizing ability but there will be no glorious to-morrows in our Church unless their energies are challenged by Christ.

The Synodical Society was very happy to have present a former president of the Women's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. A. McLennan, who urged us to give to the work of the Society our very best. The Presbyterial President spoke briefly on "Trends of Progress" within their own Presbyterial and all were very hopeful of reaching their new objective.

We were indeed privileged to have Miss Mary Ellen Anderson, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, speak to us on Wednesday afternoon and the Rev. W. A. Cameron, B.A., D.D., Secretary of the General Board of Missions, told of his recent trip to Japan and Formosa at the evening session. Miss Anderson gave us a very clear picture of the work among the people of British Guiana and pleaded for more workers. There is no one to do the follow-up work. If we cannot go ourselves we can all pray and witness at home. In his talk Dr. Cameron said that the world had become so small to-day that it is just a neighbourhood and it is the Church's responsibility to determine the kind of neighbourhood. Dr. Cameron reviewed our missionary work in Japan and Formosa—countries which he has recently visited and from which he brought illustrations of progress. The Formosans sent this message to us, "Tell Canadians we are self-governing, but need missionaries to guide us." God has given us a great opportunity in Formosa.

The Corresponding Secretary, Miss Lundia MacBeth, said in her report "A spirit of optimism pervaded the annual reports of the Secretaries as progress was recorded in every department of the Synodical Society." Following the election and installation of the officers for the coming year, Mrs. P. Ranson read an address of appreciation to the retiring president, Mrs. A. Glenn Thompson, for her splendid leadership in the past four years, and presented her with a gift on behalf of the Executive.

Algoma Presbyterial — At a recent meeting of the Westminster Church Senior Auxiliary, **Sault Ste. Marie,** who are using the study book *Meet The South Americans,* one of the members read about a new stamp issued in Brazil on December 9th, 1951. The stamp commemorates Bible Day and represents an open Bible laid across the map of Brazil with rays of light streaming from it to all parts of the country. Behind the map is a glowing sunrise. (Ed. note — see page 259.)

Kingston Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Kingston,** were privileged to have Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary for the three Eastern Synodicals, at a recent meeting. Miss Walker briefly told of the work being done among the Chinese and the Indians. She also told of the splendid work being done by the missionary vans in contacting people who have been without Church privileges for years. Last summer hundreds of homes were visited. Following her address a discussion on young women's work was held.

Barrie Presbyterial — The impressive services held in **Orillia** Presbyterian Church during Holy Week were a fitting background for the joyous celebration of the 25th aniversary of the formation of the Farther Lights Auxiliary, the Evening branch of the Women's Missionary Society. A large crowd gathered in the church on the Tuesday evening among whom were many charter and former members of the auxiliary who had come from out of town to share in the service. There was a large representation from Barrie Presbyterial and many friends from the Orillia churches, all of whom were welcomed by the President, Miss Dale Anderson, who presided. She was assisted in the worship service by Mrs. R. E. Jones who read the lesson and by Mrs. Neil Norman, Dr. MacInnis and the Rev. Frank Conkey who offered prayers.

The speaker, the Rev. Mariano DiGangi, who serves the congregation of St. Enoch's Church in Hamilton, spoke on "The Triumph of the Cross" and as a basis for his address used the text "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." A gifted and fluent speaker, he gave a stirring evangelical message appropriate to Holy Week, dealing exclusively with the Cross of Christ, its meaning and application to His followers and to Christian missions.

To Mrs. J. E. Anderson of Owen Sound, who formed the group twenty-five years ago, was given the pleasure of presenting to Mrs. R. E. Jones, an honorary Life Membership in the Women's Missionary Society, the highest honour an auxiliary can bestow on a member. Mrs. Jones was the first president of Farther Lights Auxiliary.

Two young Formosan girls, Margaret Lim and Carol Chiam, who some time ago were brought to Canada to train as leaders in their own Church, were among the honoured guests. Miss Isabel Taylor, who taught these girls in Formosa, presented to each of them a Life Membership in the W.M.S., the gift of her father Mr. R. L. Taylor. Following the service of commemoration and rededication, a delightful social hour was enjoyed in the lecture room when greetings were brought to the auxiliary from Council Executive by Miss E. Luzetta McClelland, Evening Department Secretary, from the Synodical of Toronto and Kingston by Mrs. A. T. Barr and from Barrie Presbyterial by Mrs. Wm. Boult. Mrs. Donald F. Hazell, herself a charter member of Farther Lights and now a member of Council Executive, traced her intense missionary enthusiasm to the days when, as a small child, she had her interest kindled at Mission Band.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Miss Janet L. Riley, 333 Pleasant Park Road, Ottawa, Press Secretary

Ottawa Presbyterial — Mrs. G. Scott Murray, president of the Presbyterial was the guest speaker at the Easter Thank-offering meeting of **Richmond** Auxiliary, held in St. Andrew's Church. Speaking on "Prayer, Faith and Service", she told of the life and work of Dr. James Nesbit of Prince Albert, among the Indians. Mrs. F. A. O'Hara, Auxiliary President, presided and introduced the speaker. Members of Manotick Auxiliary were present as guests, as were also Mrs. F. R. Duminy, Mrs. V. Pask, and Mrs. M. Mooney of Ottawa. Later members and guests were entertained to lunch at the Manse.

At the well attended Easter Thankoffering meeting of St. Stephen's Auxiliary, **Ottawa,** the devotions were conducted by Rev. George Sparks, minister of St. Stephen's and Moderator of Ottawa Presbytery. Mr. Sparks introduced the guest speaker, the Rev. Lorne Lemoine of Cushman Memorial Church, Hull, and St. Andrew's Church, Aylmer, Quebec, who spoke on missions, which is the wider outreach of the Church. He cited incidents in the lives of the early missionaries.

Quebec Presbyterial — Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary, visited the newly organized C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, **Sherbrooke,** during the first week in March. The girls arranged a pot-luck supper at which Miss Bricker and Mrs. R. Adams were guests. Following the supper the affiliation service took place, and the girls enjoyed a talk from Miss Bricker. A conference of leaders and those interested in girls' work followed the meeting, at which many helpful suggestions were given by Miss Bricker.

The Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of Sherbrooke, sponsored a Variety Review on March 18th in the Church Hall. A capacity audience fully enjoyed the evening at which Mrs. Alan Bickford, President and Mrs. Earl Wells, Vice-President, spoke briefly, and Rev. R. Adams was master of ceremonies.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

April 30th, 1952.

RECEIPTS

Government Grant, Birtle Indian School	$ 100.00
Government Grant, Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	715.00
Mr. Chas. Johnson, Montreal, "Camera for Miss Margaret MacKenzie"	125.00
Evening Hour, Ripley Presbyterian Church, "Christian Literature"	10.00
"Miss Beatrice Scott"	10.00
St. Andrew's Sunday School, Lethbridge, "Miss Hermanson's work in Formosa"	34.52
Robertson Church, Vancouver Sunday School, "Scholarship Fund, Bhil Field"	20.00
Miss Joan Rochemont, Dryden, Ontario	5.00
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Toronto and Kingston	3,800.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	20.00
Hamilton and London	5,679.00
Hamilton and London, Supplies	109.50
Montreal and Ottawa	3,450.00
	$14,831.02

DISBURSEMENTS

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$1,255.81
Hospital Visitors	604.52
Deaconesses	160.00
Student Deaconesses	145.00
Children's Centre, Vancouver	
Port Work	168.91
and Tyndale House	464.96
Van Expenses	465.33
National Contingency	235.75
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,241.71
Birtle, Government Grant	4,330.82
Overseas Missions:	
India:	
Bhil Field	125.00
Jhansi Field	260.65
Taiwan	2,092.25
British Guiana	250.00

Training of Nationals	15.00
New Missionaries	136.66
Missionaries' Expenses	300.00
Publications	995.64
Organization	1,523.76
Administration	2,260.81
Payment from Special Gifts	231.32
Candidate	80.00
Christian Literature	240.00
Visual Aids	1.50
Supplies	662.77
Cost of Living Bonuses	190.00
Taxes and Insurance	228.35
Payments from 1951 Balance; "Joint Commission on Missionary Education"	200.00
"Payment for Long Service Pensions"	3,000.00
Hospitalization for workers	15.95
Missionaries' Salaries deposited in Canada on request	89.35
Workers' rates deposited in Pension Fund	712.51
	$25,850.99

TRUST FUNDS

RECEIPTS

PENSION FUND:	
Received Annuity rates from Workers	$ 752.51
SPECIAL FUND:	
Payment on Launch	250.00
LEGACY FUND:	
Payment on Windermere House	25.00
	$1,027.51

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PENSION FUND:	
Paid for Government Annuities	$1,538.74
OVERSEAS FUND:	
Repairs to Girls' School, Tamsui, Taiwan	3,000.00
PEACE THANKSGIVING FUND:	
Miss Margaret Lim, Royal Conservatory of Music	16.00
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Editorial

THIS is our Council Number, the "text-book" issue of *The Glad Tidings.* In the following pages you will read the things the various secretaries had to say about our work at the annual meeting this year.

Will you read this magazine to the end? Or will you cast it aside saying to yourself "reports—they are not interesting to me"? Mrs. Ritchie Bell, Corresponding Secretary of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical, said in moving the adoption of our reports that some people claim that reports are as dry as sawdust. "But", said Mrs. Bell, "sawdust can be quickly set on fire by just a spark of flame. We can set these reports on fire by the spark of our enthusiasm."

Have Presbyterians enthusiasm? Dr. Kennedy after a year as Moderator of the General Assembly, says the Church is strong and loyal but he thinks it may lack a sense of urgency. "Our people are ready to work, but they do not seem to know what is expected of them."

What *is* expected of us in these days? If you read through the magazine you will learn how deeply concerned our organizations secretaries are that all our people should have the glorious vision and deep inspiration of missionary service. You will know that Miss Matthews and Miss Pelton, while they are thankful for the work we have done and are able to do, are overwhelmed with the opportunity that lies before us. We are being called, we are being begged, to teach our Christian faith at home and abroad. Dr. Kennedy calls Presbyterians a "priesthood of believers" and says that as such we have a function to perform—the function of teaching our belief wherever we can.

This then is our task—to take up the torch of opportunity now blazing so brightly before us—to take that torch and forgetful of self carry it just as far as God directs us to carry it. For you and for me it means that we must first "Study to show ourselves approved unto God. . . ." Study the Word of God. Study material that is printed to tell you of the work of the Church and its mission. Then we must on our knees seek to know how God would have us serve. It is then that we will have that spark that will light the sawdust that is the printed word and make it *live* in our own lives and all around the world.

Excerpts From The Retiring Moderator's Sermon

AS the custom is, the retiring Moderator opened the General Assembly with a sermon. The General Assembly met in Knox Church, Toronto, June 4th to 11th. Dr. Norman Kennedy said things of our Church which would be well for us to keep in mind as we study this Council Number—the report of the Annual Meeting of our Society.

Dr. Kennedy said there were several significant things in the life of the Protestant Church to-day.

One is "the unusual importance of Christian Missions". Missions are a bastion of Christian freedom in the whole world to-day. If missions fail there is nothing to keep men from falling into the clutches of pagan ideologies and practises.

Second: Canada is growing in her importance in international affairs, and is making a greater and greater contribution in the community of nations. The Church needs to set the tone of the thinking of the nation.

Third: Canada herself is in the midst of great development. Only the fringe is inhabited. There is much land to be penetrated. The Church was the inspiration of the old pioneers and must be the inspiration of present-day pioneers.

Speaking of the resources of the Presbyterian Church Dr. Kennedy said:

We are a body of people ruled by presbyters. We must not forget the importance of ruling elders, we must not leave the ministry entirely to the professional. "We are a priesthood of believers and as such have our function to perform."

We are a doctrinal Church, though we are woefully ignorant of the basic principles of our doctrine.

We are a worshipping Church.

We have the great resource of prayer. Dr. Kennedy deplored the fact that we tend to depend more and more upon organization and less and less on prayer.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

DR. W. A. CAMERON, Secretary for Overseas Missions for the General Board of Missions, opened the sessions of the Council Meeting by speaking briefly on the theme which had been chosen for 1952.

He referred first to the fact that this was not a large gathering but a small group gathered to study and to be prepared to pass much knowledge on to others but regardless of the size of the group we must always start our discussions and our studying from the proper base. We sometimes feel that the Spirit of God is effective only in large masses. But the theme of this meeting indicates that the study of the individual is of utmost importance. Mass gatherings have their place, and the Spirit is indeed present in them, but God, in maintaining His work in building up His Church, works through the individual. The words of the theme are personal words. We need to feel the personal blessing that God has for each one of us.

Then, too, those who chose the theme, are thinking of approval. "Study to show thyself approved. . . ." Some people do not care what others think of them but most of us do value the approval of those whose judgment we trust. Such approval is not something from which we really turn aside. We all seek the approval of God. It is in His sight that we live and do our work. It is necessary that our relationship with God be right, that we are approved by Him.

It is significant that we can be called workmen — workmen "that needeth not to be ashamed." There is dignity about labour if it is worthwhile. The work which we have before us to do is work that cannot be done in a brief day. It is work that binds us and those whom we affect, to the Kingdom of God. Each one seeks to do that work in such a way that he or she is not ashamed of the effort.

The task that is assigned to us now will be done as well as we are able to do it. It then will not be refused by Him who is Father of us all. Our study, our workmanship, the Spirit of God guiding us will bring us to the place where we rightly "divide the word of truth".

May God's Spirit guide each one of us in the sessions before us and in the days ahead.

Prayer

OUR Father, Which art in Heaven, almighty in Thy Majesty and Power, yet filled with pitying understanding of the human frailties and failures of Thy struggling children on this earth, we do thank Thee that, in the fullness of Thy love, Thou dost permit us to call Thee, ''Father'', and to come to Thee as little children, in simple faith and trust, seeking comfort, strength and help, and finding always the steadfast surety of Thy hand outstretched in mercy and forgiveness. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for Thy continuing goodness unto us, and for the beauty, peace and plenty of this goodly land in which we dwell. In the warm days of summer sunshine, soft rains, and gentle winds, the rich bounty of the fruitful harvest-time comes into being year after year, as Thou hast appointed it, throughout our spreading countryside, and it is with a deep sense of our own unworthiness, that we praise Thee and rejoice in Thy abiding care and provision for our every need in the abundance which surrounds us.

Oh Father, in the midst of all our comfort and our plenty, may we remember in our prayers and givings Thy troubled children in far distant lands, our brothers and sisters who are suffering famine, despair and discouragement, and who look to us for help. Grant that our hearts may be opened wide to them in generous sympathy and Christian fellowship, so that they may never look in vain, or judge us for our selfishness and greed. Let us be quick to share with them that overflowing wealth of good things which Thou hast bestowed upon us here in such full measure, and in our deep compassion, may we be one with them in spirit and in truth. Very specially look upon our missionaries who labour in such lands as these, and who suffer with their people, and for them, in their helplessness. Give unto them, we beseech Thee, courage faith, and infinite wisdom, as they seek to speak the words of hope and confidence which will carry home the message of Thy never-failing love, and the knowledge of Thy constant nearness in every hour of need. Bless them and uphold them, wherever they may be and grant that under Thy protecting care and tenderness they may be ever safe and sheltered in Thy peace.

In these months of holiday separations, and release from the ordinary duties of our daily living, may we carry with us, wherever we may go the power of witnessing for Thee, seeking always to serve Thee in thought, word and deed, as we remember that we are ever in Thy presence and blessed with the joys of fellowship with Thee. We pray Thee for Thy guidance in all we say and do, and in the companionships and relaxations we may choose. Look deep into each heart and grant its individual needs, as only Thou canst know them, and make us truly worthy of Thy mercy and Thy grace.

In the name of Thy Beloved Son, our Saviour and our King, we ask it all.

Amen.

Council Meeting 1952

DELEGATES to the Annual Council Meeting of the Women's Missionary Society, W.D., of The Presbyterian Church in Canada held in Parkdale Church, Toronto, were: Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, Mrs. W. D. McLean, Vancouver; Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Red Deer; Mrs. J. M. Jamieson, Calgary; Miss J. E. Walls, Miss Giollo Kelly, Saskatoon; Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Fort William; Mrs. J. W. Fraser, Port Arthur; Mrs. W. E. Baker, Westmount; Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell, Outremont; Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, Atwood; Mrs. Fred Gallie, Forest; Mrs. C. W. McDonald, Miss Lundia MacBeth, Toronto.

Mrs. Arthur W. Pae

Council Executive entertained delegates and staff to dinner at Parkdale Church, Tuesday evening. Mrs. Arthur W. Pae, President, was hostess. The Rev. James McNeill, D.D., welcomed the W.M.S. Council on behalf of the Kirk Session of the Church. Mrs. Pae introduced the Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. N. D. Kennedy, D.D. Dr. Kennedy spoke briefly reminding us of the crisis in the Church in Canada. "Our missions overseas are the last bastions of freedom in a rapidly shrinking free world. In our own land we are very remiss in our duty if we do not support those who are going to the far outposts with the ordinances of religion." Dr. Kennedy stated again the great need for young people to serve the Church, and the absolute necessity for every Christian to show increased liberality in givings." In our Presbyterian Church we have the people, we have the will, we have the enthusiasm. Perhaps we are lacking a bit in imagination but we are looking forward to taking our rightful place in the work of the Christian Church."

Mrs. Pae presented two Formosan young ladies, Miss Margaret Lin and Miss Carol Chiam, who are studying in Canada. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., recently returned from India, Miss Isabel Taylor on furlough from Formosa and Miss Margaret Ramsay, who has just arrived from British Guiana, Miss Margaret MacKenzie and Miss Geraldine Greer, B.A., who are going to Formosa and Miss Ida White, Reg.N., to India, were also presented. Miss Fay McTavish and Miss Irene Kong, doing work among the Chinese in Toronto, Mrs. S. M. Gillespie, Hospital Visitor, Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary, Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary and Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary, were also introduced.

Medals for 25 years' service in the Society were presented for Miss Marion Williamson, Miss Lily Simpson, Reg.N., and Miss Isabel McConnell, Reg.N., all now in India. They were received by Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N. Miss Gertrude Scott also received a 25 years' service medal which was received in her name by Miss Fay McTavish.

Adoption of Reports

Mrs. C. Ritchie Bell of Montreal moved the adoption of the Report of the Society. She said that reports were often considered as dry as sawdust. "Sawdust can be very easily set on fire by a spark. When that happens it burns and we feel warmth. So our reports are set on fire by the enthusiasm and the sacrifice of those who have given them. There are dark spots in these reports. They are there because we have not gone the second mile. We have not done all we could."

Mrs. Murdoch seconded the adoption of the Report. "These reports are made possible by our officers and workers. Reports mean progress. Here is an opportunity for us all to study the progress that has been made. We should go home from this meeting determined that with these reports as with the whole work of the Society, we will follow the theme of the Meetings: Study to show thyself approved.

Trustees

Miss Bessie MacMurchy in drawing the attention of the Council to the Trustees' report, stated that the Trustees welcomed Mrs. Pye, our Treasurer as a member of a group who were very happy to serve by supervising the real properties of the Society. She asked that we note the people who were serving on this very important Board.

Organizations

Mrs. Pae in introducing the discussion on organizations compared the department to a building with each part of the department an important section of the whole Women's Missionary Society structure.

Children's Department

Mrs. Wallace, Children's Secretary, urged the delegates to influence leaders to use the study book. Our two secretaries spend a lot of time in preparation of the study material. If leaders use the study book as it is given there will be no such request as, "what do I do with little boys?" If the study was followed there would be no question about little boys. Explorer groups are being organized in more congregations. It is an excellent programme for older boys and girls—leading on from Mission Band and up to a teen-age group.

She again spoke of the need for greater responsibility on the part of Synodical, Presbyterial and Auxiliaries for the Christian education of children. She stressed the great need for leadership training and said that much could be done for children's work if the W.M.S. members would be sure that the leaders are able to avail themselves of every possible opportunity for much needed training. "No leader will give up her work if she is interested. She will be interested if she feels she has the support and sympathy of the W.M.S."

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace

Miss Elizabeth Moodie spoke of the work she has been doing across the country in the past year. "Since the Council Meeting in Regina, I feel that I have a better knowledge of children's work. I would like to convey through you, my thanks to those who made the plans for my trip through the West last year. I met many members of the Church—people who are in different walks of life. I was impressed with the courage and faith of so many of our people." Miss Moodie spoke of those who had been willing to meet her and help her get around the country despite the hardships

Miss Elizabeth Moodie

imposed by the weather or by awkward hours.

The Associate Children's Secretary spoke of several points she had noted in her travels. She stressed the need for strong ground work to be done in the establishment of children's groups. Once a group is organized, it should not be neglected by the W.M.S. Auxiliary. The Church must accept the responsibility for finding the proper leader and for seeing that the type of programme chosen for the children is suitable for their age group. Once the group is formed we must see that it continues to function well. If a leader fails she will not be anxious to work in the church again. If the children see a group disband it will take some time to interest them in a Church programme again.

Miss Moodie spoke of her disappointment of the programmes that she saw carried on. She stressed again the need for proper age-grouping and a teaching programme which will help the future members of the Church to know the true meaning of the Christian Way. We who are interested in the Christian education of children should be working quietly behind the scenes—with the minister, the Session, the Sunday School superintendent, the Sunday School teacher to create and sustain an interest in the mid-week group. It was a cause of wonderment why, if we believe in the work that can be done by Mission Bands and Explorer Groups, are we satisfied with only one mid-week group in a congregation? The majority of the children in most congregations are not members of this group. Because of the difficulties of traffic problems and distances from the church, has the time come for us to sponsor a number of groups held in homes in various parts of the district? It has been noted, too, that pre-school children are becoming members of a number of our Mission Bands. In fact some groups are made up almost entirely of children under the age of six years. Because the programme must fit the needs of the members and because it is an opportunity to lay a firm foundation for their entrance into the "Church Family", it was decided that a supplement which would give an adequate programme for this age group should be prepared to accompany the Mission Band Study Guide to be used in 1952-53.

Girls' Organizations

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Secretary reported on girls' organizations.

"When you read the report on girls' work this year, you will notice that there has been a slight increase in nearly all the columns. The trouble is that the increase is *too* slight when one considers what tremendous possibilities there are for expansion in girls' work. From a recent report we learn that there are still 700 churches within our denomination in which there is no girls' work.

"This department has tremendous value to our Society, because we have the opportunity of working with girls during the years when they are beginning to do their own thinking and when they are forming their own opinions and ideas. If we neglect these girls now, we need not expect the women of the future to become suddenly enthusiastic about the work of the Women's Missionary Society.

"However, perhaps there is more concern in our minds about the effect of this lack of training upon the girls' themselves. Here we have several thousand girls who are having no mid-week contact with the Church. We do not know, but we can be reasonably sure, that many of these girls have little Sunday contact either. What then, is the effect upon the Church as a whole going to be?

Mrs. Harold Keefer

"We sponsor the C.G.I.T. programme. It is not perfect, but it *is* good. Applied intelligently it can provide wonderful training and recreation for the teen-age girl. There is nothing, nor will there ever be anything which is non-Presbyterian in the programme. There are too many Presbyterian people on all C.G.I.T. Committees to see to that.

"I have said 'if the programme were applied intelligently' that it would be of great value. The trouble is that there are too few leaders who take the trouble to study, prepare and deliver the programmes which are prepared for

Miss Helen Bricker, B.A.

them. Leadership training is an answer, but by whom? There is no point in assuming that this can be done by our Girls' Work Secretary, for to give any leadership training worthy of the name, she must spend two or three days with each group of leaders and this would mean that it would be three to four years before she could be around again.

Mrs. Keefer stressed the need for trained workers in every Synodical. She also said: "We also need interested people in each congregation who will work to have a girls' group formed, who will work with the Christian Education committe within the congregation to give aid to the leader and see to it that the programme of the girls' group is a suitable framework on which to build young Christian lives. Will you stress the value of the Christian Education commitee wherever you have an opportunity to speak?"

Mrs. Keefer urged the appointment of interested, suitable women as Girls' Organizations Secretaries in Presbyterial and Synodical. The need for follow-up work so that every auxiliary is encouraged to stress girls' work. "What an opportunity there is right in this department to fulfil a large portion of our objective—100 new groups! They could all be girls' groups and we still would leave lots of work undone!"

With reference to Miss Bricker's field trips Mrs. Keefer asked for consideration of the amount of time the National Secretary spends on preparing monthly bulletins and programme suggestions. "We realize, that every Synodical has a time when it is best for a secretary to visit, but unfortunately because of expense and travelling time involved we cannot send her at the ideal time for everyone. Will you please then, try to make adjustments.

We have made little progress in this department in the past twenty years. There are such wonderful opportunities here too. Why do we not set ourselves the task of getting out and making of this department, what it ought to be, the training ground for the auxiliary of the future?"

Young Women's Department

Miss Ellen Haw reported to Council on Young Women's work, for the first time as Young Women's Secretary.

Three new groups have been organized thus far in 1952. Miss Haw urged that there be greater clarification for the Young Women's Department. She expressed the view that in the long run it did not matter which of the women's groups we as Presbyterian women work in in our missionary work but she felt that each one should know of the three adult departments and then choose to work in the one which will give her the best scope for work. There should be understanding and fellowship among the groups, not rivalry.

Miss Ellen V. Haw

Miss Grace Irvine

Miss Haw spoke of the monthly letter which Miss Irvine has been sending out recently with programme suggestions. Some replies have shown they are helpful. The department would like to be very sure that these letters are meeting a need.

Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary said that as she had travelled across the country, she had attempted to find out what the young women were thinking to-day. She found that the biggest problem in connection with their missionary work was programme. Most groups are interested in extending their programme. They feel they must get back to Bible study. Young mothers want to know the answers to questions their children ask about the nature of the world around them as well as knowledge of the Bible for their own clarification of thinking.

Young women too are interested in Christian education. Miss Irvine spoke of experiments she and Miss

Moodie had carried out where they had together worked to show the needs of the child in Christian education and how the young women could meet these needs.

Miss Irvine asked the Council to consider the need for a wider programme for missionary groups in her department and to give permission for some action to be taken.

Evening Department

Miss Luzetta McClelland in speaking of the eleven new groups reported in 1951 asked that their progress be followed and that when they need a helping hand that the senior Auxiliaries be ready to help. Six new groups had been reported to the date of the Council Meeting in May.

Miss McClelland spoke of some of the Evening Department conferences which had been held during 1952. At one emphasis was on the necessity for the Evening Department putting its shoulder behind the organization policy of the Society for 1952 and to try definitely to organize a group where there is a vacancy. They also resolved to promote leadership if needed in Mission Bands, Explorer groups and girls' groups and to give help and guidance to such group leaders.

Miss E. Luzetta McClelland

The Evening Department Secretary urged that all members of the department be asked to accept responsibility for the financial side of our work. She advocated the duplex envelope and said that all Evening Department groups should have allocations — whether they were affiliated, associate or a straight missionary group. "The sum of money given is not an end in itself, it is not for our glorification, but it is a means of accomplishing the task that Jesus called all His followers to do. Too often we carry out our task without enthusiasm, without much vision of what we can accomplish, without joy in doing a job well. We are too prone to do the same thing year after year. We need to be challenged to do greater things. The mission of our Church is a great mission. We cannot be truly called Christian unless we share in that mission."

Miss McClelland regretted the confusion that still exists in the name of the Evening Department groups and the Young Women's Auxiliaries. She asked that Senior Auxiliaries be more particular about the terminology of the various groups.

With reference to subscriptions to *The Glad Tidings,* Miss McClelland said that one Auxiliary had decided that rather than have a membership fee, all members be asked to subscribe to the magazine. This she felt was a worthwhile means of bringing the importance of reading the magazine before each member.

Members of the Evening Department were urged to take more responsibility in accepting office on Presbyterial and Synodical Societies. It was pointed out that there was plenty of good officer material in the Department and that it should be used.

Senior Auxiliaries

Mrs. Adamson said she felt like the little boy who said he was set down in a corner because he was not doing a good job. After listening to reports of the other organizations she felt that Senior Auxiliaries were not doing all they could or should to keep the work of the Society going. She looked back to a time some twenty to thirty years ago when women rededicated themselves to the work of missions. "What have we older women been doing that we have not passed on that enthusiasm to younger women?" Mrs. Adamson said she felt we were depending too much on our own strength and not enough upon Divine Guidance.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson

Mrs. Adamson stated that she did not like the term Senior Auxiliary. She objected to the word "Senior" being interpreted as being "above" the other organizations of the Society.

A self-analysis was urged. Each Auxiliary should study itself to find out if it is really having good programmes, if the members are really making the mission work as attractive as it should be made to women who might possibly be members.

Home Helpers

Mrs. Adamson spoke to the Home Helpers report in the absence of Mrs. Cruickshank who was ill.

"A Home Helper does not have to be old or sick, to be termed a Home Helper. She is anyone who finds, for any reason, that she is unable to attend the auxiliary meeting regularly."

Mrs. Adamson spoke of the general appeal we should be making to the women of our Church. We should not seek to make a lady a member of our auxiliary simply to add to our statistical report, we should have her join whichever group suits her best. We are all a missionary family. We should present our organization as a family group and let the prospective member choose the one in which she will serve. The Home Helpers department exists that women who cannot be in actual attendance can have the fellowship of the missionary auxiliary, and can serve the Church through a missionary auxiliary. She can be just as active in her study, in her givings and in her prayers as any other.

Statement of Finances

MRS. G. R. Pye, Treasurer, gave the statement concerning the finances of the Society from the first of the year. "The financial success story of 1951 has been told. Each Synodical, Presbyterial, each Auxiliary, indeed each member knows her share of that success. We must remember that such success is not because of our efforts alone—but because of Christ working in us. We should thank God continually for His presence in our work. We on Council Executive are conscious of the duty and responsibility of administering the money which comes to us to be used for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

"A third of the year has passed and the total amount received in this time is $32,527.87. The total estimate for this year is $210,000.

Mrs. G. R. Pye

By Synodicals the contributions have been: British Columbia, $1,200; Alberta, $1,320; Saskatchewan, $298.87; Manitoba, $1,065; Hamilton and London, $10,779; Toronto and Kingston, $11,640; Montreal and Ottawa, $6,225.

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National Work

Miss Frieda E. Matthews

MISS FRIEDA E. MATTHEWS reviewed the work which is under her direction. The Chinese work, Immigration, Children's Centres, Hospital Visitors, Vans, Deaconess work, Indian Schools. It is a wide variety of work and each part has particular appeal.

Miss Matthews stressed the progress being made and the challenge ever before us as a Society. The Chinese people are sharing more and more in Canadian life and in the work of the Church. They have made increasingly larger financial contributions to our work—both to the Church and to the Women's Missionary Society. Chinese people are coming to this country in larger numbers. One hundred and fifty are coming each month to Vancouver alone. Of these it is estimated that only one in ten has had contact with the Christian Church.

You are familiar with the work we do in the ports. Immigration is an exciting and challenging part of our Church's work. More and more people are coming to this land. The largest national groups are: Germans, British, Italians and Dutch. In 1951 our workers in Montreal were in touch with 16,998 people. In 1950 they met 6,997. This is a job which just started at the port—it comes right to our doorstep.

Our two areas of children's work are Tyndale House, Montreal and the Children's Centre in Vancouver. It is said that Tyndale House stands for the reality of the Christian faith, the Christian dream, the Christian enterprise. How can we properly measure today, the influence these centres have on the citizens of tomorrow.

The work of hospital visiting is one which is a truly attractive Christian work. You have read the stories written by several of our visitors from time to time. Two new Hospital Visitors have been added to the staff: Mrs. Weir, who is in London, and Mrs. Anderson who is to serve in Edmonton.

We are sure you are following the van work. This year Miss Marjorie MacKay is breaking new ground in that she is going to conduct Vacation Bible Schools at Maintenance Camps along the Alaska Highway. Rev. George Dobie has been holding services in

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Overseas Work

"WHAT we have to bring you in the way of achievement in our department is yours." Miss Pelton reported on the fact that at the end of the three-year advance which was set in Calgary, seven new missionaries have been added. This is a net gain of six, since Miss Ellen Douglas transferred to the National Department. Actually nine appointments have been made, but two of these were Miss Fitje and Miss Waabeno, the two Norwegian nurses who worked for a time in our hospital in Formosa. They are now working again under their own Board.

It may be of interest to you to know that it costs approximately $1,300 to put a new missionary in the field. This is the cost of transportation and outfit allowance.

The placing of Mobile Units in India has been acceptable. One is in operation and we hope the work of the second will be launched during 1953. We have found that the cost of operating one, averages $2,000 per year.

Another area of advance has been in the training of national workers. Katherine Sun will have finished her training when she completes a course on child study this summer. Miss Pelton spoke of the many problems facing Katherine and asked you, through the Council, to give your support and strength to her in days when she must decide the course God has laid for her.

Miss Laura K. Pelton

Wenchi Kim is now ordained and is serving his Korean people in Japan. The Moderator of the Korean Church has already given high praise to the accomplishments Mr. Kim has made since returning from his studies in Canada. In a letter to Miss Pelton Wenchi announced proudly that he was about "to engage himself" to a very fine Korean young woman.

Margaret Lin and Carol Chiam have completed a school year. Margaret is devoting her full time to music. She has done exceedingly well this year, passing an examination in counterpoint with a mark of 87. Miss Taylor did not expect her to overcome the language barrier and the different teaching technique so quickly. When she returns she will work at the school teaching music and working through the Church. "Some may wonder", said Miss Pelton, "at the advisability of giving three years training in music. But when the

Formosan Church is on fire with its love of the Word of God, it sings it!"

Carol is studying at the Deaconess Training School and she will work in the Formosan Church when she returns.

From the Bhil Field there are indications from the missionaries that they are beginning to see evidence of what can be done through the services of the medical clinics, and the teacher training programme. Both are giving the evangelists new opportunity to reach more people.

Miss Pelton spoke of the administration of overseas work. She spoke of the need for the administrators to help young people coming into the overseas mission work to see the trend of missions to-day. It is not enough for them to desire vaguely to do work overseas—or even to feel they are called there. It is necessary for them to understand the physical and cultural characteristics of the countries. It is necessary for them to be willing to at least try to understand the people with whom they are dealing, so that the Gospel may be presented as challengingly as possible. "No Board charged with administration of overseas work can do work adequately and competently unless the Secretary makes regular trips." Miss Pelton said she felt she could make such a statement since she personally would not be concerned again with the actual visiting. The immediate needs of the field were stressed. The India Council is asking for another evangelist and plans are being made for a third medical unit.

In Formosa there is a need for someone to go on the university campus to meet the students and to answer their questions. We need to give assistance to Happy Mount Leprosy Colony. There is need for an instructor for women students at Taipei — for those women who would go on in Church work. Help is needed for the women for group work. One or two nurses are needed. We should bring one or two teachers from Formosa to study here.

"The opportunity in Formosa today is of such a unique nature due to the great response of the people to Christian teaching that the delegation which went to Formosa early this year felt it necessary to strengthen the work there as much as possible," said Miss Pelton. She explained that because of this need, she was not coming to Council with any suggestion for entering a new field.

Miss Pelton concluded the statement of her department's work with the challenge that we be more conscious of the tremendous needs overseas, that we recognize in the calls from abroad, not only the call of a part of God's family to help share the Way, but that we see also that unless we answer the call, we are closing the door of Christian fellowship and opening the door for pagan ideologies.

Supply Department

THE work of this department remains much the same but the cost has been increasing each year due to the rise in the price of clothing. I would like to point out several facts that may be interesting. In 1950 we estimated that $10,000 would cover the expenses for 1951 but that was not sufficient—approximately $13,000 was expended. Fortunately there was a balance in the account. It was gratifying, however, to know that the women did reach the allocation—contributing $10,200. For the year 1952 we asked for $12,000 and trust that it will be forthcoming. There will be the added expense of supplies for three new missionaries going to the field and for two who will be returning. The committee feels that for the year 1953 this department will need $14,000 to meet its obligations. This should not be at all difficult if our objective of 10,000 new members is reached. But it remains to each individual supply secretary to see that the new members are made aware of the needs and the work of the Supply Department.

It may also interest you to know that to date this year the sum of $897.56 has been received for supplies, but $2,003.56 has been expended. The following money has been forwarded from Synodicals: British Columbia, $75.00; Alberta, $214.56; Manitoba, $78.00; Hamilton and London, $210.00; Toronto and Kingston, $320.00. A grant of $1,000 for the Birtle School was received and that along with several small gifts and a balance which we were carrying has made it possible for bills to be paid.

Mrs. D. F. Hazell

I would ask the delegates upon their return to their Synodicals to urge their Treasurers to forward supply money as soon as it is received so that our department may be able to meet its running expenses month by month.

The need in the material supplies remains the same—good used clothing for the people on the reserves, knitted goods for the children in the two schools, layettes for the mothers on the reserves.

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Expense Funds

At the Council Meeting in Regina, September, 1951, the Finance Committee was requested to publish in "Glad Tidings" a statement regarding expense funds.

Items which may be considered as legitimate expenses approved by the Executive:

1. Postage and stationery that are necessary for the general conduct of the Society's work.
2. Printing and mimeographing of programmes and reports where considered necessary.
3. Record books for Secretaries and Treasurers.
4. Travelling expenses (including meals en route, taxis or carfare) and entertainment of speakers when said speakers are requested by the Auxiliary, the Presbyterial or the Synodical.
5. Travelling expenses of elected officers (as called for in the Constitution) to Executive meetings of their respective branches. (Honorary Officers are not eligible.)
6. *ANNUAL MEETINGS*

   Synodical—Travelling expenses of elected officers and ex-officio members (Presbyterial Presidents) of the Executive to the Annual Meeting of the Synodical.

   Presbyterial—Travelling expenses of elected officers to the Annual Meeting of the Presbyterial, and appointed delegates to the Synodical Annual Meeting.

   Auxiliary—Travelling expenses of appointed delegates to Presbyterial and Synodical Annual Meetings.

   A motion was made that the amount of seven cents a mile for the round trip be paid to the driver with nothing for the passengers carried in the car. The Executive is obligated to pay not more than return railway fare of delegates to Annual Meetings.
7. Travelling expenses of the President or any other officer delegated by the Synodical Executive to visit Presbyterials and by the Presbyterial Executive to visit Auxiliaries within their own constituency.

1952 Membership Objective — Progress Report

THE Objective of 10,000 new members — 100 new groups — was presented to and accepted by the Council Meeting held in First Presbyterian Church, Regina, in September 1951.

There were two primary reasons for the selection of such an objective—

1. The knowledge that there were thousands of women, girls and children in the Presbyterian Church

who had little or no share in the missionary outreach of our Church through the Women's Missionary Society which works *as part of* not *apart from* our Church.

2. If as a Society we are to meet the increased cost of maintaining present work and to take advantage of the opportunities at hand for greater service we need the prayers, interest and help of every woman, girl and child within our Church.

Approximately one half of the year has passed. What progress has been made? All the Synodicals report that there is definite indication of growth in most departments but not all reported actual numbers. In some instances new groups were reported but no indication of the numerical strength of these groups was given. Nor have we any accurate record of new members in groups already organized. The figures, therefore, are by no means a complete picture of our progress. Those we have show 63 new groups and approximately 1,150 new members. From this it may be seen—

1. That as far as groups are concerned we are well on the way to realizing our objective.

2. With respect to new members—we are lagging.

May I insert here a word of caution. If on the one hand new groups are organized while on the other groups now in existence are allowed to fall by the way, such does not indicate true growth.

Approximately five months yet remain. What are some things which we, as individuals and members of an Auxiliary, can do to insure the Objective being reached by the close of 1952—

Miss Helen M. Horne

1. There must be the realization on the part of each member of every group that she has a definite responsibility in seeking new members. Take as your motto—"Each one bring at least one." If this were a fact we would increase by 30,000 members in Senior, Evening, and Young Women's groups—over 40,000 members in all age groups.

2. Do not excuse yourself from speaking to another on the grounds that you have nothing to say. Your witness is important. Nobody but *you* can tell another of the satisfaction *you* have had in service through the missionary work of your Church and how you covet the same for them.

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Synod Camps — 1952

British Columbia— (Roberts' Creek)	Junior Girls'—July 14-24—to be appointed. Senior Girls'—July 25-August 4—Miss Grace Mackay.
Alberta— (Camp Kannawin)	Junior Girls' (9-10)—July 10-19—Mrs. E. J. Olsen, Calgary. Intermediate Girls' (11-13)—July 31-August 9—to be appointed. Senior Girls' (14-16) — August 11-20 — Miss Margaret McLagan, Calgary.
Saskatchewan— (Camp Christopher)	Girls' Camp—July 23-Aug. 1—to be appointed.
Manitoba— (Clear Lake)	
Hamilton and London— (Kintail)	Junior Girls' (8-11)—August 5-12—Miss Lily Macarthur. Junior Girls' (8-11)—August 13-20—Miss Ruth Stewart, Chatham. Intermediate Girls' (12-13)—July 15-25—Mrs. K. D. Taylor, Burlington. Senior Girls' (14-16) — August 21-28 — Miss Helen Grieve, Galt.
Toronto and Kingston— (Glen Mohr)	Junior Girls' (8-11) — July 7-15 — Miss Ada Adams. Junior Girls' (8-11) — July 15-23 — to be appointed. Intermediate Girls' (12-13) — August 13-21 — Miss Catherine Robertson, Guelph.
Montreal and Ottawa— (Peace Memorial)	Junior Girls' (7-10)—July 25-August 1—Miss Muriel Judd, Montreal. Intermediate Girls' (11-12)—July 14-24—Miss Allana Reid, Ph.D., Montreal. Senior Girls' (13-15)—July 2-11—to be appointed.
Maritimes— (Camp Geddie)	Junior Girls' (9-11)—July 25-August 2—Miss Margaret MacDougall. Senior Girls' (12-16) — August 5-15 — Miss Margaret MacDougall.

From The Synodical News

Mrs. W. E. Stauth

MISS S. F. Baxter, Press Secretary of Hamilton-London Synodical wrote this tribute to Mrs. Stauth as a preface to news from her Synodical.

We would reverently pause a moment to record the passing of our late much loved Hamilton-London Synodical President, Mrs. W. E. Stauth whom God called very suddenly to Higher Glory on the night of April 29th. Mrs. Stauth had seemingly been in her usual health and had visited some friends in the early evening and suffered a stroke later in the night and passed away. May God's blessing sustain and comfort her home circle at this time and this expression of our sympathy bring added comfort.

Mrs. Stauth capably led all the sessions at the recent Hamilton-London Synodical in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton, April 1, 2 and 3 and in the short time intervening wrote us letters of welcome, two letters of helpful suggestions for Press work written a few days before her passing asked for suggestions for bigger and better W.M.S. meetings. She asked that we give thought to our aims and plans for our Synodical press work and be prepared to present suggestions to a Synodical Executive to be held in June.

Other officers received similar letters about their work within the past few weeks giving evidence of her great devotion to missionary work and of her splendid leadership qualities as our Synodical President. As Synodical meetings closed in Hamilton, Mrs. Stauth speaking in appreciation of the splendid reports we had, said: "We have done good work but in spite of all the fine reports we have had I think we can do much better next year." May this be our challenge, and as a tribute to her faithful service, let us individually strive for better missionary meetings, let us keep the goals of our missionary society ever before us.

Famine Relief In India

Just before this magazine went finally to press a cable was sent to India sending $2,201.95 for Famine Relief for the Bhil people. This is the amount contributed up to June 20th, 1952.

Planting The Seed By The Royal Command

BY LEETA McCULLY CHERRY

IN the Christian Literature Estimates of our Women's Missionary Society, there is included every year a grant for the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada, which is essentially a missionary organization, proclaiming that the Bible is the greatest missionary of all evangelistic agencies, and acknowledging but one task—"namely, to give the Gospel to the entire world, to every man in his own tongue, that every nation, tongue and tribe may read it in his own language." In over 80 countries, and in more than 1,100 languages and dialects, for almost 150 years of continuous worldwide work, it has endeavoured, by an ever-widening distribution of the Scriptures, to make Christ known to the ends of the earth, believing that now is the time of sowing; that the field is the world and the seed is the Word of God; and that, as a Canadian Bishop says, "The Bible never grows old; never grows weary; speaks in all the languages of the world; and touches the hearts of all mankind."

For 1952, we have been privileged to increase our yearly grant to $1,500, and when we realize that it is just such contributions as ours which make possible the carrying-on of the wonderful work. In Canada alone, reported in the 47th Annual Report of the Society, we are filled with thanksgiving that we may have even a small part in such a great accomplishment for God, and are wishful only that the grant could be much more, in proportion to the opportunity and the need. This 1951 report has been called "The Royal Command" because during the year when Royalty has been so much in everyone's mind, Christian thoughts have turned instinctively to Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose Royal Command is "Go—and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"—the parting charge of Christ, which has been named The Charter of Foreign Missions, as it stresses the universal imperativeness of His Gospel. An inspiring booklet it is, as it pictures for us the story of what our money has helped to do in spreading the Gospel in many tongues in our own land. In 1951, there has been circulated 73,857 Bibles; 69,846 New Testaments; and 225,208 Portions. Forty thousand volumes more than last year, and printed in over fifty different languages! It is an amazing thought, isn't it, that we have so many different languages in Canada, but it should not be so surprising when we realize that the peoples of all the world are coming here, and bringing with them the need of the Bible printed in the language of the country of their origin.

During last year alone, nearly 200,000 immigrants entered Canada from 42 different countries, the biggest flood of immigration in 38 years. For them, and for the Displaced Persons, the Society has prepared tens of thousands of Gospels and Diglots. These are books in which two languages are printed side by side, and are a most valuable means of introducing the newcomers to the English language as well as to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and the Lord of life. The word comes from the Greek "diglottos", which means speaking two languages. Port Workers and Voluntary workers have helped greatly in the distribution of these Gospels, and a definite effort has been made to reach all of these potential citizens with some portion of the Word of God. There is, too, an increasing consciousness of Canada's own need for the Bible, and so, throughout the year, a staff of seventeen colporteurs in cars or Gospel Vans, have journeyed thousands of miles through vast, sparsely-populated districts, seeking out lonely homesteaders, lumbermen, pioneering miners, oil prospectors, and the Indians scattered through the far-flung distances. Many requests for the Scriptures in Cree and Ojibway are received, but the majority of the Indians now read in English. Canada has contributed $270,000 to this good work, and the reports brought in by the different men, as they return from their long trips, are thrilling indeed, and prove the need and warmth of their reception.

Much interest is reported among the French-speaking people of New Brunswick. Finnish farmers gladly receive the colporteurs, and for one Latvian, in whose language there is no Bible translation, a Lettish Bible was found which he could read. Two fruitful weeks were spent among the lumber camps of the Hudson Bay district, and, travelling by boat along the British Columbia coastline almost to the border of Alaska, many lonely pioneers, isolated Indian villages and logging camps were visited. Calling on the fishermen on the many islands of the Pacific coastline, one island was found where there had been no Church or Sunday School for over forty years; no Christian weddings or funerals. Many Bibles and Scripture Portions are left in all these calls, and gratefully received. More publishing than ever before has been done, and were it not for the excessive cost a much wider printing programme could be carried out. When we realize that the cost of producing a Bible has doubled in the past four years, it is not difficult to understand this problem, and to recognize that the only way of solving it is by an increase in givings.

Five thousand Gospels of Luke in Czecho-English have been printed; ten thousand Gospels of John in Italian-English; and five thousand Gospels of Mark in Lithuanian-English. In Rade, five thousand Gospels of Matthew have been shipped to Indo-China; Matthew, Luke and John in Jorai are on the press; as is also the Gospel of Mark in Bahnar. This will be the first book ever to be printed for the Bahnarese of Indo-China's central hills; the first literature for their tribes ever to possess. Specifically for the troops, there has been printed in Great Britain a beautiful edition of the New Testament. For the three branches of the Services, there are bindings of khaki, dark and light blue, and through the Army, Navy and Airforce Chaplains, these are distributed.

At least five thousand boys and girls in the summer camps, sponsored by the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches have learned about the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada through the offerings they gave for the production of the Diglot Gospels. Prizes were also offered in each Province for the best Essay on either "What The Bible has Done For Human Progress" or, "Why A Knowledge of the Bible is a Necessary Part of a Sound Education", and there was also a nation-wide prize of $100, thus bringing the importance of the Bible to the attention of Canadian youth. The 1950 Annual Report was used as a Study Book by the Baptist W.M.S.

Now preparing for the celebration of Jubilee Year in 1954, The Society says that the world demand for scriptures is greater than ever before. Never before have so many complete Bibles been issued during a single year, and never before has there been so wide a request for complete Bibles. Yet costs have increased 250% since 1938, while income has not been able to keep pace in proportion. In view of this it is encouraging to read that last year from the Vancouver Bible House, alone, $80,000 worth of Christian literature was distributed, and that the national office has continued to supply talking-book records of the Scriptures to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind at a cost of 25c each, although the actual production cost of the 300 records now available amounts to 77c apiece. It is planned to make the celebration of this Third Jubilee a time of spiritual uplift to the whole nation, with every effort put forth to recall the people of Canada to Bible reading study, and the Gospel Message supplied in every tongue. We rejoice that through our grant, we shall have a part in this great undertaking.

Attention Auxiliary Welcome And Welfare Secretaries

When students go from your church to out of town points to study, please obtain their new address as soon as possible and send it at once to the Synodical Student Secretary. We are anxious to be friendly to out of town students and interest them in the local Presbyterian Church, but by the time lists of students are available from the university, the year's activities are half over and the student has his programme full. We are asking for your co-operation in making possible early contact with students.

E. Burnaby,
Student Secretary.

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these camps for the past several years. Now our Society is assisting through the services of Miss MacKay who will be at Blueberry, Sikani, Fort Nelson and Muncho Lake on the Highway.

New work in the Deaconess department concerns Miss Agnes McLeod, a graduate of the 1952 class of the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. Miss McLeod is working in Toronto East Presbytery.

The Indian Schools administered by our Society have received much favourable comment in past months. Here too, is an ever increasing challenge as Indian young people are turning more and more to the Church to help them become established as Christian Canadian citizens. Staff is needed for both these schools. Birtle has need of a teacher, a Girls' Supervisor and a Boys' Supervisor to act as Manual Training Teacher also. Cecilia Jeffrey at Kenora needs a nurse and two teachers.

"Lift up your eyes and look. Look beyond the mundane matters of everyday life and see the wide field," was the challenge Miss Mathews made. "We cannot, we dare not stand still in any of this work."

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Christmas gifts for patients in the different sanatoria and for the Indian children. I would mention one departure. We hope to pack two trunks full of good used clothing to send to the Formosan pastors and their families. These will go as excess baggage with our two missionaries who are going out in June.

Supply Allocation 1953

British Columbia	$ 575.00
Alberta	575.00
Saskatchewan	375.00
Manitoba	475.00
Hamilton and London	4,450.00
Toronto and Kingston	5,200.00
Montreal and Ottawa	2,300.00
	$13,950.00

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Theme for 1952 - 53 . . . AFRICA

DURING 1951-52 we have been thinking particularly about the neighbouring continent of South America. In 1952-53 we will move eastward across the Atlantic Ocean to a larger continent, although similar in general outline—the continent of Africa.

The name of Africa appears almost daily in our newspapers and we read of the many and varied problems in that land and as we read we become more and more conscious of the great significance of Africa in world affairs. The governments of all lands are interested and watchful realizing that it is a day of rapid change in Africa and that the world as a whole is faced by the question, "Will the rapid advance of the African people make for peace or war?"

The Christian Church turns its eyes to Africa too. It is aware that "To-day the challenge of Africa to Christian leadership is continental in its scope and world-wide in its implications." The Christian Church knows it has a great responsibility in Africa. It has done much to awaken her peoples and now it must be ready to guide in the right way those who are awakened to their own possibilities. In order to help intelligently Christian people must know the situation in Africa to-day and of the advance of the Christian witness there. Therefore with other Churches on this continent the various groups in the Women's Missionary Society family will join in concentrating their thoughts on Africa. The children in Mission Band and Explorer Groups will make friends with African boys and girls, the 'teen-agers will become better acquainted with that large continent and its inhabitants as will the members of Auxiliaries who will try to understand the problems of Africans to-day, what the Church has accomplished and the great opportunities offered to it now.

Many good supplementary reading books published by Friendship Press are available such as,—*This Is Africa,* a pictorial book, by S. Franklin Mack (.50) *Africans On Safari,* life stories of typical outstanding Africans, by Leslie C. Sayre, ($1.25), *African Heritage,* a factual book on Africa, by Emory Ross, ($1.25), *Jungles Ahead,* six stories of modern Africans, by Esther D. Horner, ($1.25). There are numerous biographies of missionaries who have served in Africa in the well-known Eagle Series, maps and other materials which will aid in understanding and in presenting Africa.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

Thoughts For Holiday Time

HOLIDAY time is here—or is it over for you? For most of us the summer months have brought some relaxation of body—some rest of mind—time to enjoy the great out-of-doors — time to read and THINK. It is fortunate for us that there is such a time in the year. When September comes we must once again pick up our responsibilities in many fields, among them, those of our Church.

To you, who are reading this our magazine it should bring to mind the mission of the Church—the mission of your Church—and YOUR mission as a member of that Church and as a member of an Auxilary. Never in the history of the Women's Missionary Society has the opportunity been so great —never has your responsibility been so great.

How good a member are you? Are you an active or just a passive one? Are you an enthusiastic one or one of those indifferent ones? Have you a vision of the task to be accomplished—or do you just attend as a matter of habit? Have you any joy in a task well done—or has your auxiliary been satisfied to drift along in a lackadaisical way—doing the same things in the same old way?

Are you a well-informed member —or do you just listen and forget? Could you pass a "fact test" about our missionaries—about our work on each field—about the trend of affairs in Formosa and in India? Your source of information is your *Glad Tidings*. What you read for yourself is more apt to stay with you. Are you a subscriber? If not —why not?

Has your contribution increased to keep up with rising costs—or has it remained the same for years? Some auxiliaries have sent in almost the same amount each year for years. In the light of the buying power of a dollar that is paramount to almost a 50% decrease. How can the returns from a group be increased if the individual has not faced the problem to the extent of a personal challenge?

Has your auxiliary membership grown—or has it just stayed the same? There are two sources of tangible dividends in an auxiliary —(1) a new member who becomes sufficiently interested to care and (2) an old member sufficiently aroused to her resonsibility to make the new member interested.

Could you go back to your auxiliary in September teeming with ideas aroused to enthusiasm for the wonderful opportunity and privilege which is ours?

If so—our holiday questions have been worth while.

E. L. McC.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

Dear Young Women:

SOMEONE has said: "The world moves forward on the wings of enthusiasm." That line sang itself into my thinking during a recent trip from Windsor to Toronto.

The occasion was a First Anniversary Meeting (I almost said Party!) of the Auxiliary. My good fortune in being invited was due to the fact that the more brilliant Secretarial lights of this Society,—to whom the invitation was first issued,—were busy casting their radiance on Toronto's gloom. I was offered as a substitute speaker. Well, the group gradually recovered from this staggering blow and sent me a most gracious invitation.

From the moment I entered the Church auditorium, I knew that this was no ordinary meeting. Large bowls of lilacs and pale yellow tulips brought the beauty of Springtime into the sanctuary. Invitations had been sent to sister auxiliaries throughout the Presbyterial,—and now groups of people were arriving, — and there were friendly greetings on every side.

Introductions were simplified by name tags,—and these were delightful — pastel-coloured cardboard, — scalloped on one end, — with a cluster of lily-of-the-valley fastened to each.

The Presidential remarks included a very brief sketch of the group's year of progress. But though brief, its short history carried a sermon, the text of which might have been: "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with all thy might."

There were no "insignificant" parts in the programme. Whether it was the serving of refreshments or the vocal solo,—everything was done whole-heartedly. The general effect was rather like a well-conducted symphony concert.

Yes, Birthday Meeting was a joyous affair, a time for remembering with gratitude those who had shared in their progress. There had been growth in membership, too,—from eight to nineteen members. And there were other less tangible, but equally important, signs of growth, namely, a sense of being able to contribute to the deepest human needs; and a clearer vision of truth in the hearts of individual members as they sought to root the truth in other lives.

Truly, a *group moves forward on the wings of enthusiasm.*

—*Grace Irvine*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary

You Don't Need To Die In The Summer

BY MARGARET J. TAYLOR

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DOES your group spirit contract examination fever about the end of May, and then very suddenly succumb to the contagious malady of holiday time? If yours is one of the many groups whose activities cease in the summer, may I say that you are missing one of the best periods of your group life—the gay, carefree, healthy hours spent in the out-of-doors. True, there will be girls absent on holiday, but the extra enthusiasm of those girls who are unable to go away, will more than make up for the smaller numbers. The warm weather, the long evenings, and above all the freedom from studies, make it possible to enjoy many of the outdoor activities which are denied during the rest of the year.

Your girls will more than likely have favourite spots where they like to go for a hike. Or better still, someone may suggest an entirely new place to explore. (It is always well to be familiar with the fire regulations of your town or city.) Why not have several of these outings during the summer and plan them along some specific line—i.e., to develop campcraft skills or learn nature lore? I can think of nothing so tempting as banana boats, baked on a bed of coals, until the marsmallow inside is the consistency of whipped cream. Have you tried "angels-on-horseback" or cooked a campers' meal on a "hobo" stove? Let me tell you it is truly fun—made more so by the "happen-chance" of inexperience. If you feel that your knowledge of campcraft is inadequate, there are several excellent books on the subject, A close inventory of your girls may reveal a former camper who would be only too pleased to share with the others the knowledge and skills she learned at camp.

Have you ever gone on a sketching expedition? Some of us may feel that we just aren't artistically inclined. I thought so, but was amazed when I found how much I enjoyed trying to sketch the world around me. I will never be an artist of any true merit, but I have found the thrill of trying to reproduce, in a mediocre way, the beauty of trees and flowers. Very little equipment is required: just some sketching paper and a box of pastels. Try an afternoon of sketching, and the friendly chat that goes with it. You will get to know your girls so much better, something for which every leader seeks. Be eager and enthusiastic about these things, and your girls will respond.

If you are fortunate enough to live in a large city which has a museum or art gallery, then you might plan a visit to one of these. The cool atmosphere of a large building will be refreshing on a very hot day. In the company of friends, it is fun to delve into the relics of the past. A perfect end to a pleasant afternoon could then be a nice cold glass of lemonade, and cookies—I'm sure there would be an invitation forthcoming.

Are you looking for a Church Project? If there is a summer Vacation School in your church, then your quest is at an end. Numerous helpers will be required to look after the beginners at the school and I have found that teenage girls are excellent for this. They possess the energy required to keep the tiny tots occupied, and better still they like to do it.

Is there anyone in your congregation who has a summer cottage and who is interested enough to leave one week-end free for the Canadian Girls In Training? With a little effort and planning one can arrange a camping outing for your whole group.

Your minister may be fortunate enough to have a garden, which he must leave to the mercy of weeds for the month he is on holiday. Even two visits from the Canadian Girls in Training would do so much to set things in order, and I'm sure would be appreciated. One group went so far as to plant a garden for a new minister arriving in June.

But above all, summer time is the time for our various organized camps. If several, or even one of your girls can go to camp, it will provide a splendid impetus to the enthusiasm of the group during the fall and winter. Camp seems to impart to everyone a lasting feeling of comradeship and well-being. Worship at camp is not soon forgotten. For a leader, I regard a camping experience as a post-graduate course in your leadership training. Good leaders are in demand for our camps. Do try to take advantage of such an opportunity.

You don't need to die in the summer,—it is the time to become alive. Let us try not to waste these valuable months, but to plan a few activities, so that when the time comes for your group to enter into its fall and winter programme, your girls will begin refreshed, having felt the nearness of God's presence, and having experienced in the truest sense Jesus' command to "Love one another".

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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- Leave the remainder for the children to do as they study.

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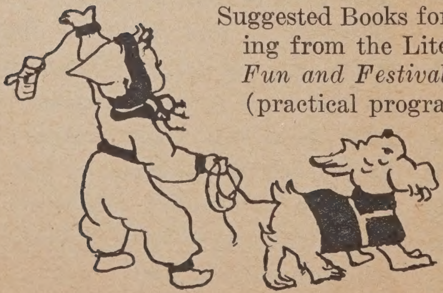

Suggested Books for reading. Order any of the following from the Literature Department.

Fun and Festival from Africa, by Rose H. Wright, (practical programme suggestions). - - - - - - $ .50

This is Africa, by S. Franklin Mack (a general picture of the country and people.) $ .50

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—*Elizabeth M. Moodie.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial—Members of the Presbyterial Executive attended the regular meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Duncan,** in April. The President, Mrs. D. C. Allan, presided and Mrs. R. A. Davis, Presbyterial delegate to the Synodical Annual Meeting, gave an interesting report.

A joint meeting of the Senior Auxiliary and Young Women's Evening Guild of Knox Church, **Sooke,** was held at the home of Mrs. R. J. McLeod. Their guests were the Sub-Executive of Victoria Presbyterial Society and the occasion was to hear the report of the Synodical Annual meeting which was ably presented by Mrs. R. A. Davis, Girls' Organizations Secretary. The Vice-President of the Evening Guild presided and led in the service of worship. Three young married women recently arrived in Sooke from Holland were present and a delightful hour of fellowship followed.

Westminster Presbyterial—Mrs. M. Clifford, President of Westminster Presbyterial was the guest speaker at an evening meeting of **Abbotsford** Senior Auxiliary at the home of Mrs. H. McKinnon. Mrs. Clifford outlined the organization and explained the aims and purposes of the Women's Missionary Society. After the service of worship, which was led by Mrs. T. W. Sick and Mrs. F. Litz, Mrs. K. C. Doka conducted a short contest on South America.

The Senior Auxiliary of **Murrayville** held their Thank-offering meeting in April with Mrs. A. R. Steacy presiding. Miss Ellen Douglas was the guest speaker giving an inspiring address on her work among the Bhil people in India.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Aidan's Church, **New Westminster,** held a most successful Thank-offering and Home Helpers meeting recently. An enthusiastic audience listened to an interesting address given by the Rev. L. Hankinson, who spoke of his experience as a young minister in his first Home Mission charge.

Members of the Senior Auxiliary and mothers were guests of St. Aidan's C.G.I.T., New Westminster, on the occasion of their candlelight service of re-affiliation with the Women's Missionary Society. Julia Funk, Kaarina Isaacson and Marion Tarr received their affiliation badges. An interesting feature was the display table containing material made and collected for the year's mission study **Southern Lights.** As is the custom in British Guiana, coloured crepe paper leis fashioned by the girls were presented to the guests by the president, Carole Jacques and vice-president Shirley Fox. Miss Ellen Douglas was the guest speaker and brought a most inspiring message concerning the missionary cause.

A children's rally for Westminster Presbyterial was held on Easter Monday in Fairview Church, **Vancouver.** Musical selections and short plays were given by different groups and Miss Grace Mackay told an Easter story. Mrs. M. Clifford presented the Mission

Band banner to Fairview and the Explorer banner to Marpole group for attendance, memory work and handwork. Mrs. Clifford installed the new Children's Work Secretary, Mrs. J. B. Wallis.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of Fairview Senior Auxiliary, Vancouver, was held in April. A very interesting film was shown.

Marpole Senior Auxiliary, Vancouver, held their Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. Thomas Murphy with Mrs. W. Fowlie presiding. There was a good attendance of members and visitors. Mrs. E. Fox as guest speaker took as her subject ''Givings''.

At St. Paul's Church in April Miss Athalie Read of the Children's Centre, addressed the Senior Auxiliary on the occasion of their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. Rogers presided. Miss Read told of her work as a deaconess among industrial people in Hamilton, Sarnia, Northern Ontario and Quebec. As regional secretary in Alberta, Miss Read paid tribute to Dr. Margaret Strang and Miss Mamie Todd who laid the foundation of W.M.S. work in the Peace River district. She told of Dixonville, Fort St. John, Blueberry Mountain, Gordondale and Smith's Mills, where the work of the Presbyterian Church is flourishing.

The Senior Auxiliary of Vancouver Heights, held their Thank-offering tea in April. In spite of the stormy weather there was a feeling of great earnestness and desire to see the work prosper. A very interesting address was given by Mrs. McFadden.

The **Mount Lehman** ladies held their annal spring tea on May 30th with a good attendance with visitors from Bradner and Abbotsford. The President, Mrs. Edge, opened the meeting with Scripture reading and prayer. Mrs. Clifford and Miss Ruth Yeandle were the guest speakers. This group have found the study book *Meet The South Americans* of great help in their meetings.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial—Two interesting meetings have been held by Grace Church Auxiliary, **Calgary,** recently. One took the form of a luncheon meeting, when the guest speaker was Mr. John Laurie, who spoke on his associations with the Indians of many tribes throughout Canada. Mr. Laurie in the only white man on the Indian Council and through his many years in the work has acquired a wonderful insight into the needs and problems of the Indians. He has received recognition from the Indians by being made a tribal chief and also a blood brother. He stressed the part that the women of our Church can take in helping the movement, and urged that we give more sympathetic understanding to the question of improving conditions among the Indians.

At the second meeting, the guest speaker was Rev. John McLeod, of St. Andrew's Church, Calgary, who brought a most thought-provoking message from the story of the Prodigal Son. People of to-day, like the Prodigal, have found that money cannot answer all problems. When he returned from the far country, he wished to enter his father's house on a purely business basis. So many church people of to-day do not come close enough to the Father;

they do not try to really be one of God's family. Our W.M.S. members can do much for the Master by trying to urge people to come right into the Father's house, and there spend much time, not in financial and temporal duties, but in preparing for the daily battles of life.

Women of our Society will be interested in learning that two young women of Calvin Hungarian Presbyterian Church have recently been mentioned in the local press. Miss Rose Komlodi is at present attending the National Council of the Student Christian Movement in Toronto, as a delegate from the Calgary branch of the University of Alberta. Miss Margaret Sabados entered the Folk Song class in the recent Musical Festival and received commendation from the judges. Both these young women have been most generous with their musical talents for the Calgary Presbyterial.

Red Deer Presbyterial—The Executive of the Presbyterial met recently at Rocky Mountain house with a good representation from Auxiliaries and Affiliated Societies. Reports from Mission Bands and girls' groups showed keen interest in these branches. Supply reports showed that the quilts and other articles for the Indian School were well under way. After some discussion it was decided to continue the scholarship for a student at the Medicine Hat Training School. A letter from the student who received the award last year voiced the appreciation of both the recipient and the Principal of the school. It was decided to inform the ministers of our Presbytery of the action of the Executive and ask their support in obtaining students from our own Presbytery. Mrs. Puzey of Valley Centre gave an interesting report of the Synodical Annual Meeting held in Edmonton. Plans were made for a meeting with Miss Ellen Anderson on furlough from British Guiana. She will speak in Red Deer and it is hoped to have representatives from all congregations in the Presbyterial.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE Albert Presbyterian—The Willing Workers Girls' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Tisdale,** held their Mother and Daughter banquet in May. Special guests included Mrs. John Cheshire (nee Eleanor McKechnie) who is home on furlough from the Canadian Presbyterian Mission, Gwalior, India, and Miss Marjorie Abey, leader of the Mission Band and her mother. Following the banquet the other ladies of the church gathered and the girls held their re-affiliation service. Miss Elaine McKeachie presided and all the girls took part in the worship service and candle-lighting ceremony. The Rev. R. T. Hall showed a set of slides showing our work around the world. Mrs. Cheshire's daughters appeared in some of the slides. The gathering listened with a great deal of interest to the message Mrs. Cheshire brought. She told of the work she and her husband have been doing in the large city of Gwalior, which is connected with the Jhansi field, and gave a brief glimpse into the different types and classes of people among whom they work. In conclusion she challenged the girls, saying: ''We all have to make decisions. The greatest decision is to decide for Christ and seek His will for our lives.''

Regina Presbyterial — In April in Northside Church, **Regina,** the Senior Auxiliary and the Ruby Walker Guild joined together for a Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. A. C. Marshall, President of the Auxiliary, presided. Mrs. John Shaw, as guest speaker, gave a most stirring address. She spoke of the Selkirk Settlers and the beginning of Presbyterianism in Western Canada.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — On Saturday, May 10th, the Nursery Cradle Roll, Beginners and Primary classes and the mothers of St. Andrew's Church, **Rosetown,** were entertained at a Mother's Day Tea. A programme was given by the children and was enjoyed by all. A fine display of Sunday School work books and work done by the Mission Band during their meetings showed the progress being made in these departments. Mrs. R. Wiseman gave a very interesting reading entitled "Mother's Bible". A flannelgraph story "The Proper Use of Sunday" was given by Mrs. Funston. Mrs. Frerichs, the Cradle Roll superintendent, presided.

MANITOBA

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial — The need for ordained workers in foreign mission fields was stressed by Miss Ellen Anderson, on furlough from British Guiana, at a meeting of Superior Presbyterial Society held recently.

Miss Anderson has been in British Guiana for the past eight years and plans to return to the field in August. Previous to being there, she worked with the Koreans in Japan for ten years. Taking as her topic "Ye shall be witnesses unto me", she told of the work being done among the East Indian people. Our work among the East Indians began fifty-five years ago. Miss Anderson supervises schools which are both educational and evangelistic in their work. A Bible readers' plan is used at the school whereby a child may earn a Bible by learning to read. When they receive a Bible and New Testament it indicates that he or she has learned to read all the Psalms and the whole of the New Testament. These Bibles are provided by the Bible Lovers League of America, and many hundreds are given out. Miss Anderson also works among the women and children, visiting and holding out-door meetings.

Mrs. G. P. Stirrett presided and Mrs. W. S. Nairn, President of Manitoba Synodical Society, introduced Miss Anderson.

Brandon Presbyterial—A spring rally was held in First Church, **Brandon.** The President, Mrs. J. G. McBurney presided and Miss Ellen Anderson, on furlough from British Guiana, was the special speaker. She stressed the need of more Bible Study and prayer and also the great need of more workers. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, regional secretary, discussed deputation work and interesting discussions followed the reports.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Mrs. J. C. Gibbs presided at the Thank-offering meeting of **Norwood** Auxiliary when the guest speaker was Mrs. A. H. McKay of St. James Church, Winnipeg. Mrs. J. A. Davidson brought greetings from the Presbyterial. The service as printed in *The Glad Tidings* was followed.

The Rev. J. D. C. Smith, minister, presided at the Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, **Winnipeg,** The service of worship was taken by ladies of the Sister Churches of the district. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial President, was the guest speaker and spoke of the promotion of the work of the W.M.S. and how we might gain new members.

Miss Ellen Anderson, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, told of her work at a meeting of the Presbyterial. Miss Anderson spoke to the Evening Auxiliaries in First Church, Winnipeg, to the Senior Auxiliaries in Norwood Church, and to a rally of Mission Bands and Explorer Groups in First Church.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of Kildonan Church, Winnipeg, was held at the home of Mrs. J. A. Davidson. Mrs. J. P. Duffin presiding. Mrs. Hector Macdonald gave highlights of the Synodical Meeting.

The May meeting was held at the Park House, Kildonan Park, with Mrs. Duffin presiding. Mrs. Norman MacLennan reviewed the third chapter of the study book *Meet The South Americans.* Mrs. Cormack Smith led the service of worship taken from the programme suggestions.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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THE Thank-offering meeting of the Senior and Evening Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, **Owen Sound,** brought visitors from Port Elgin, Meaford and Allenford, also members of the C.G.I.T As this was an affiliation service the girls sang their processional hymn, lighting their candles, repeating their pledge. They presented the W.M.S. with a gift of thanksgiving. Miss Ida White, Reg.N. of Goderich, who served for four years as a nursing sister in South Africa, Italy and Egypt, was the guest speaker. She told of her experience and of the great joy with which she looks forward to serving in our Mission in India, for which she is now preparing. She will be working with mobile medical units.

The Hanna-Reith Auxiliary, **Tara,** invited the Allenford Auxiliary and Anglican friends of Tara to their Thank-offering meeting and were addressed by Mrs. A. A. Ashley, President of the Presbyterial.

Chatham Presbyterial — Splendid newspaper reports were received covering Easter Thank-offering meetings, and reports of Synodical highlights as mentioned by many of the guest speakers; In **Chatham** First Church; in Knox Church, **Leamington;** Knox Church, **Wallaceburg;** the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary, Knox Church, **Windsor;** and St. Andrew's Church, **Valetta.**

Hamilton Presbyterial—Miss Geraldine Greer, a member of MacNab Young People's Society, **Hamilton.** was the guest speaker at their Auxiliary Thank-offering meeting. Miss M. B. McQuesten on behalf of the members of the Auxiliary presented Miss Greer with a beautiful travelling rug as she is preparing to leave for Formosa where she will be teaching. Miss Greer was assured that the earnest prayers of the members would always follow her in her new field of service. An In Memoriam service was held for Mrs. Wm. H. Holcombe, a faithful member of the Auxiliary.

St. Cuthbert's C.G.I.T., Hamilton, invited their mothers and members of the Auxiliary to a meeting at which the leaders and officers of Zion United Church C.G.I.T. presented the shield won by these two groups at the rally which was held last fall for attendance and general appearance. At this meeting King Street Baptist Church C.G.I.T. presented a misionary play that had earned them first prize at the Hobby Fair; truly an interdenominational evening.

Mrs. A. J. McLuish, Young Women's Secretary for Hamilton Presbyterial, convened a young women's rally in Erskine Church, Hamilton, when Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary, discussed the work that could be done by young women and the value of their work in the W.M.S. family. Miss Geraldine Greer spoke briefly.

A "Family Night" was held at Knox Church, **Waterdown.** Members of all four of our missionary groups took part in the meeting, which was in charge of Mrs. R. A. Pilgrim, president of Knox Senior Auxiliary. The C.G.I.T. under the leadership of Mrs. J. F. Griffin, conducted the opening worship service and later a service of thanksgiving and praise. The Mission Band under their leader, Mrs. Drummond Oswald, gave a flannelgraph portrayal of "Friends Around The World" with songs. Members of the Ross Young Women's Auxiliary gave the Scripture Reading, and led in prayer. Mrs. Oswald gave a very interesting flannelgraph talk on the Missionary Tree.

Huron Presbyterial — In **Exeter** a splendid C.G.I.T. rally with five groups of C.G.I.T. workers and fifty girls and their leaders, heard Miss Bricker speak on the purpose of C.G.I.T., requirements for a Chevron group, and the correct uniform. Miss Bricker conducted the sing-song. The girls were divided into groups for work sessions to make dolls, toys, scrap books. These will later be sent on to Miss Hilda Blackwell, our Port Worker. The Goderich group put on a short skit. A leaders' conference was conducted by Miss Bricker while the girls went on a scavenger hunt. The ladies of Exeter Auxiliary served supper which was followed by a vesper service with coloured slides. Taps brought the rally to a close.

The C.G.I.T. group of Knox Church, **Goderich**, held a South American party and invited the Auxiliary, the Arthur Circle, their minister Rev. R. G. MacMillan, and their mothers were guests. A re-affiliation service conducted by Mrs. McNevin was held with the Senior Auxiliary. A handwork exhibit followed and a special offering was taken for British Guiana.

Goforth Mission Band of First Church, **Seaforth**, held its Thank-offering meeting in May. About fifty were present and the junior members recited and a little play "Let's visit British Guiana" was presented.

London Presbyterial—Bethel Mission Band, Young Women's Auxiliary, Evening Auxiliary and the Senior Auxiliary joined together for their Thank-offering meeting. Each group took part in the programme.

Mrs. D. J. Firth spoke at Chalmers Auxiliary, **London**, on the occasion of their Thank-offering. She spoke of the work she and her husband did during their term as missionaries in British Guiana. Mrs. George Anderson, newly-elected President, was in the chair.

At Knollwood Park Auxiliary, **London**, Mrs. Firth took as her message ''Missionary work among young people in British Guiana''. St. George's Church Auxiliary and Wilkie Evening Auxiliary, London, were jointly in charge of their Thank-offering and invited friends from St. Mark's Anglican, and Trinity United Churches to this gathering. The Rev. O. G. Locke of Hamilton Road Church was the evening speaker and his theme was ''Our Heritage and our Children's Heritage''.

The Quinn Mission Band and the C.G.I.T. of St. John's Church, **Port Stanley** held a joint Easter meeting with Penny Dunn, president of the Mission Band and Joyce Yeo, president of the C.G.I.T. presiding.

Burns Church (Mosa), Tait's Corners Senior Auxiliary and Glencoe Evening Auxiliary were guests of **Glencoe** Auxiliary to hear Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor of London report on the Synodical meeting which was held in Hamilton.

Maitland Presbyterial—A record attendance and splendid reports come from the annual meeting of the Presbyterial which was held in Wingham. During the morning several Synodical delegates presented three-minute reports on highlights of the meeting and in the afternoon Miss Ellen Anderson on furlough from British Guiana, was the special speaker. Honorary Life Memberships were presented to Miss Olive Scott of Bluevale and Mrs. A. J. Simpson, Ashfield, for outstanding work in the Society.

Ripley Afternoon Auxiliary invited the Evening Auxiliary to be guests at their Thank-offering and Mrs. R. G. MacKay of Tiverton was the guest speaker. Mrs. R. G. McAuley congratulated the Evening Auxiliary on the success of their recently organized group and Mrs. J. D. Bryce gave a report of the Synodical annual meeting.

Niagara Presbyterial—The Niagara Presbyterial Sectional meeting for District No. 1 was held in **North Pelham** with Auxiliary representation from Dunnville, Welland, Port Colborne, Rockway, Crowland and North Pelham. Mrs. W. A. Combe presided and Dr. A. V. Brown, Moderator of Niagara Presbytery, conducted devotions. Many friends from Hamilton Presbyterial attended and brought greetings. Mrs. R. G. Wilson of Welland gave an address on girls' work.

St. Andrew's C.G.I.T. **Welland,** held a mother and daughter banquet in McCuaig Hall with one hundred guests present for the buffet supper. This was a fitting climax to missionary projects on British Guiana by the three girls' departments, Mission Band, Explorers and C.G.I.T. Following the banquet the Ladies' Guild and Auxiliary attended to enjoy a short programme with the girls and to see their exhibit of handwork. A candle-lighting ceremony was presented by the C.G.I.T. groups when they re-affiliated with the W.M.S. and received their World Friendship badges presented by the Senior Auxiliary. The girls presented a crib quilt to the Auxiliary for their Mission bale.

Mrs. R. G. Wilson, Girls' Organizations Secretary for Niagara Presbyterial convened a recent district rally of girls' work leaders in Welland, at which Miss Helen Bricker of Toronto, National Girls' Work Secretary, addressed them. Guests were present from St. Catharines, Thorold, Fenwick, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Port

Colborne and Welland. Supper was served by the Senior C.G.I.T. girls and in the evening an interdenominational meeting of Girls' Work leaders was held under the chairmanship of Miss Bricker. A Welland County Leaders' Council was formed. Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Presbyterial President, was also a welcome guest at this meeting.

It is with sincere regret that Drummond Hill Auxiliary, **Niagara Falls**, announce the death of a loved member Miss Isobel Shaw, which occurred on May 6th at the home in Niagara Falls. Miss Shaw was a faithful member of the Auxiliary for many years. She was in her 96th year.

Paris Presbyterial—The **Paris** Evening Auxiliary had as their guests members of the Evening Auxiliary, Central Church, Brantford, members of the Afternoon and Helen Young Auxiliary of Paris Church, when Rev. G. Deane Johnston, Chairman of the General Board of Missions, addressed their Thank-offering. Recently returned from a trip to our Formosan mission field, Mr. Johnston brought an interesting and informative report and an attractive display of Formosan handcraft.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Alexandra Church Auxiliary, **Brantford**, members of Central and Knox Churches, Brantford, and Mount Pleasant Church were present. The guest speaker, Mrs. B. Pedlar, home on furlough after spending five years in China, gave a splendid message.

Sarnia Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Napier**, entertained the children of the church and community and it is hoped that a Mission Band may soon be organized here.

Mrs. T. Owen Hughes, Forest, brought the Easter message to St. Andrew's Afternoon Auxiliary, **Sarnia.**

Mrs. D. G. Seaton of Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, Sarnia, was guest speaker in **Forest** when the members of St. James Auxiliary entertained their Evening Auxiliary and members of Paterson Memorial, Sarnia.

Paterson Memorial Auxiliary, Sarnia, held their Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. R. S. Burnham. The speaker was Mrs. R. Hayward, who had spent many years in China with her husband in a medical mission.

The Greta Adams Evening Auxiliary, Sarnia, held their annual Blossom Time Fair which is the yearly birthday celebration of their group. It was held in the new Youth Centre of Paterson Memorial Church and was very successful.

West Adelaide—Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting on a Sunday evening with the Thedford Young People's Society, presenting a religious play and the new Presbyterial President, Mrs. G. A. Dewar, gave a fine talk on ''Stewardship''.

Mrs. R. B. Ross, Presbyterial Recording Secretary of Watford, addressed the April meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Warwick.**

The **Pioneer** Auxiliary of **Wyoming** and the **Oil Springs** Auxiliary shared their Easter programme.

Stratford Presbyterial—Burns Church Auxiliary, **Milverton,** welcomed guests from the North Mornington Church and their own Evening Auxiliary at their Thank-offering. Over sixty friends attended and the special guests of the evening were Miss Grace Irvine of Toronto, Youth Secretary, and Miss

Margaret MacKenzie, Toronto. Miss MacKenzie was in charge of children's work in Tyndale House, Montreal, for the past four years and is now preparing for service in Formosa.

It was also the privilege of the ladies of Knox Church, **Stratford,** to hear Miss MacKenzie. Sixty representatives of the Young Women's Department of the Presbyterial attended the rally in Knox Church. Mrs. J. Williams, Milverton, presided and Mrs. Donald B. Mackay welcomed the visitors present from Listowel, Milverton and Stratford. Miss MacKenzie will leave soon for service in Formosa.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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GUELPH Presbyterial—The Spring Rally of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Elora,** with an attendance of two hundred. The Moderator of the General Assembly of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, Rev. N. D. Kennedy, D.D., in his address spoke of the world situation. There is a challenge to us in this day of great opportunity which must not be neglected.

At the Thank-offering meeting of the Senior Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Acton,** Miss M. E. Anderson, on furlough, spoke of her work in British Guiana. From her friends of the different congregations Miss Anderson received an Honorary Life Membership certificate, a bar for her Life Membership pin and a cash gift for supplies to be used in her work.

Following the Sunday evening service the Thank-offering and Fireside was observed by the Alert Evening Auxiliary of Knox Church, Acton. The Rev. R. H. Armstrong, M.A. introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. G. D. Ralston, B.A., Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in Toronto, who told of her work with the school. Mrs. Ralston stressed the need for more young women for the missionary work of the Church. Two students from Bermuda spoke briefly.

Kingston Presbyterial—Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary, was guest speaker at St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, Kingston. She spoke of the distressing ignorance of so many of our young people regarding Christian living, and gave vivid illustrations of what one person can do to rouse interest and open new doors.

Speaking at the Thank-offering meeting of this auxiliary, Dr. Ursula Macdonnell told of the conditions of Christian missions in the Far East.

Barrie Presbyterial — The Annual Rally of the Barrie Presbyterial was held in Jubilee Presbyterian Church, Stayner, on Tuesday May 13th. Mrs. Wm. McEachern of Orillia, the President, was in the chair, and the theme was "Stretch Forth Thy Hand," advance in organization was carried out in the morning and afternoon sessions. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. T. F. Andrew, president of Stayner, Auxiliary. Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Victoria Harbour, spoke briefly on Camp Promotion and urged every Auxiliary member to assume responsibility and encourage the children to attend our Church camps. She asked for more interest in girls' groups also. She announced a Girls' group rally in Victoria Harbour on October 18th. Mrs. D. W. MacKenzie gave an interesting review of literature on hand. Two discussion groups—the first Home Helpers with Mrs. Robert McNair, Huntsville, as leader; the second, Promotion and Organization of W.M.S. family, with Mrs. A. T. Barr, Penetanguishene, as leader proved interesting and informative. Mrs. A. J. Cherry, Christian Literature Secretary on Council Executive, was the speaker and greatly impressed all those present with urgency of the need of good literature in many languages for the millions of people learning to read. ''The Communists are spreading their propaganda by the written word and we must present constructive reading. This is a battle of ideologies. Will this be a world for Christ or Communism?'' she asked.

Mrs. M. McInnes of Gravenhurst, presented the Mission Band Banner to Collingwood Mission Band, and the Mission Band Award for the best display of work done by the children went to Knox, Floss.

Mrs. W. R. Adamson, Senior Auxiliary, Secretary on Council Executive, conducted an impressive service of installation of the officers for 1952.

Mrs. A. C. Stewart, of Midland, presented Mrs. E. O. Rawson, Barrie, immediate Past President with an Honorary Life Membership certificate from the Presbyterial, and the pin was the gift of the Presbyterial Executive.

Impressive closing devotions were led by Mrs. J. D. C. Jack of Stayner and her C.G.I.T. Group.

North Bay Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **North Bay.** Delegates were present from Sudbury, North Bay, Burk's Falls, Parry Sound and Magnetawan. Mrs. A. S. Curr, President of Toronto West Presbyterial, was guest speaker.

Peterborough Presbyterial — Peterborough Presbyterial semi-annual meeting was held in St. Andrew's Church, Hastings, where the auxiliary is celebrating its one hundredth anniversary in June. At the Executive meeting Mrs. Hazel Storie of Campbellford, who has been a member of the Executive for sixteen years, was honoured. The guest speaker was Mrs. John Kelman, who told of her visit to the Peace River district where there is a great need for workers. Owing to bad roads and other difficulties many had not been visited for years, yet one church, without a minister for two years, had improved their church, sent money to Greek relief, and doubled their missionary allocation. We are a privileged people but have a responsibility for all God's goodness to us.

Saugeen Presbyterial—The 37th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Palmerston.** The treasurer's report showed that the allocation had been reached, while all departmental reports showed growth in interest and there were encouraging indications of progress. The President, Mrs. MacKerracher paid tribute to a valued member, Mrs. T. Wallace of Mount Forest, who had passed away since the last meeting. Mrs. Wallace was Recording Secretary for several years.

Toronto West Presbyterial—The reaffiliation service of the **Woodbridge** C.G.I.T. was held in the church on Sunday evening. The entire service was taken by the girls. Four of them were presented with seals for their Junior Life Membership certificates. The two guest speakers were Miss June Cummings, Girls' Organizations Secretary for Toronto West and Miss Katherine Sun, who has graduated from the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. Miss Sun told of the work the Christian Church is doing in China and some of her early life there. She plans to stay in Canada and hopes to be able to work with Chinese newcomers helping them to learn English and teaching them the Gospel.

Nashville—Evening Auxiliary led a service of worship on Good Friday evening in the church. The theme was "I Took My Stand".

Miss M. E. Whale, B.A., Editor of *The Glad Tidings* was guest speaker at the Thank-offering meeting of Dovercourt Auxiliary, **Toronto.** Miss Whale took as her theme "God's Great Gift", and stressed our responsibility in proving the power of the risen Christ through prayer and by the written word. Two In Memoriam certificates were presented in loving memory of their past Honorary President, Mrs. James Wilson and of Mrs. David Wing, formerly *Glad Tidings* Secretary.

The Thank-offering meeting of the Agnes Paterson and the Goforth Auxiliaries of Wychwood Church, Toronto, was held jointly and took the form of a panel discussion on "The Church and Missions". Mrs. J. M. Burnett chaired the panel assisted by the minister, Dr. A. A. Lowther, who spoke to questions from the floor and summed up the discussion. Nine men and three women of the congregation comprised the panel and many men as well as women were among the large audience. The conclusion arrived at was that missions are vital to a Church and that they pay big dividends on money and effort thus spent.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

Miss Janet L. Riley, 333 Pleasant Park Road, Ottawa, Press Secretary

THE annual meeting of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society was held in St. Andrew's Church, Ottawa in April. The President, Mrs. W. E. Baker of Westmount, presided. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. A. Ian Burnett, minister of St. Andrew's Church. Words of welcome were extended by Mrs. G. Scott Murray, President of Ottawa Presbyterial, and Mrs. Ian Burnett, President of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, and were responded to by Mrs. Eric Larsen, President of Brockville Presbyterial.

Miss Frieda Matthews brought greetings from Council Executive. The guest speaker was Rev. E. G. B. Foote, O.B.E., D.D., Chaplain of the Fleet, who spoke of his tour of Korea and the battlefronts, which he made with Dr. Kennedy, Moderator of the General Assembly, and other Chaplains. He told the members that the boys fighting in Korea wanted and needed mail from home, which he said was the greatest booster of morale. Every man there is deeply concerned with the purpose for which he went. While soldiers are no saints, they are doing a real missionary work in showing real kindness and consideration to the Korean people, and have adopted an orphanage, and are doing everything possible for the children. Conditions in the East are changing, and the greatest help we can give these people is in training Nationals to go back to work among their own people. A converted native can perform a mission that no one else can accomplish.

The Treasurer's report showed that the allocation had been exceeded. Conferences on the work of several departments were held, and a Question Box conducted by Mrs. Adamson and Miss Matthews of Council Executive settled problems for a number of members.

Wednesday night the devotions were conducted by the Rev. George Sparks, Moderator of Ottawa Presbytery, who also brought greetings. Miss Matthews and Mrs. Adamson were the guest speakers. Miss Matthews challenged her listeners to look beyond our estimates and see what we find. She cited the need for young and consecrated workers in all parts of our work at home and overseas, and said that in spite of the rising cost of carrying on in all departments, and not knowing where the money was to come from, we must not think of curtailing our work when God has opened doors to us, as never before. She left the challenge, ''Who will dare?''.

Mrs. Adamson, beginning her address with a quotation—''God has a hand that is long enough and strong enough to reach around the whole world'', asked ''What have we in our hand?'', and likened our hand to prayer, faith, witnessing, giving and service, and urged us to say like Peter, ''such as I have, I give unto thee''.

An invitation to hold the next annual meeting in Knox Crescent Kensington Church, Montreal, was extended by Miss Dorothy Coles, President of Montreal Presbyterial, and gratefully accepted. The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mrs. Harcourt Emra, Ottawa, with Mrs. Adamson in the chair, and after its acceptance by the members, Mrs. Adamson installed the newly-elected Executive in an impressive ceremony. After returning to the chair, Mrs. Baker, announced that the semi-annual Executive meeting would be held in Vankleek Hill on October 14th and 15th.

Brockville Presbyterial — The 38th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Paul's Church, **Caintown,** with a large attendance from many auxiliaries. The President, Mrs. Eric Larsen of South Mountain, presided. Mrs. E. A. Toombs of Campbellford, formerly a missionary in India, was the guest speaker in the afternoon. In her address Mrs. Toombs gave a vivid picture of the life of a missionary in India, the difficulties, loneliness and hard work on the one hand, but on the other hand the great joy in service, and the soul-satisfying experience of being the one to bring the Gospel of the love of Christ to those who have never heard it. She warned her hearers that for a Church to send missionaries, or a government to send money for relief to foreign lands, is worse than useless if the English-speaking people in their dealings with these needy ones do not show a Christ-like spirit of honesty, love and respect. A comparison of the status of women in India with that of women in this country, presents a challenge to W.M.S. women. To pray and give is the part we have in the great work of spreading abroad the Gospel of the love of Christ.

Greetings from Presbytery were brought by the Moderator, Rev. A. C. Young of Lansdowne. The Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. C. Robinson, Winchester, gave a summary of auxiliary reports and the Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Davidson, Winchester Springs. Mrs. Davidson also read a letter of thanks from Miss Irene Stringer, a missionary from this Presbytery who has spent twenty-five years in India.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

May 31st, 1952

RECEIPTS:	
St. Stephen's Sunday School, Ottawa, "Education of Stephen, Bhil Field"	$ 15.00
Miss Jessie Kinloch, Montreal, "Work in Formosa"	200.00
A Friend, through First Presbyterian Church Auxiliary, Chatham, "Work in Formosa"	10.00
A Friend, "Christian Literature"	10.00
Chippawa Ladies' Aid, "Miss Greer's Expenses to Formosa"	25.00
Miss Joan Rochemont, Dryden, Ontario	5.00
Refund on Missionaries' Expenses	600.00
Pension rate received from worker	20.00
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	13,696.11
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	10,078.55
Synodical Societies:	
British Columbia	1,200.00
British Columbia, Supplies	75.00
Alberta	1,100.00
Alberta, Supplies	159.50
Saskatchewan	298.87
Manitoba	330.00
Manitoba, Supplies	40.00
Toronto and Kingston	4,803.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	142.73
Hamilton and London	4,649.06
Hamilton and London, Supplies	152.65
Montreal and Ottawa	1,050.00
	$38,660.47

DISBURSEMENTS:	
National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$1,225.81
Hospital Visitors	604.52
Deaconesses	160.00
Student Deaconesses (Summer Workers)	145.00
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	618.21
Port Work	168.91
Van Expenses	859.37
National Contingency	307.45
National Advance	344.76
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,107.35
Birtle, Government Grant	7,195.88
Overseas Missions:	
India: Bhil Field	125.00
Taiwan	441.55
Training of Nationals	201.25
New Missionaries	1,384.32
Missionaries' Expenses	75.00
Overseas Contingency	203.16
Publications	1,129.89
Organization	1,394.22
Administration	2,340.22
Payment from Special Gifts	1,574.05
Candidates, Ewart Trust Fund	31.25
Christian Literature	100.00
Visual Aids	.77
Supplies	367.54
Cost of Living Bonuses	190.00
Taxes and Insurance	406.05
Hospitalization for workers	23.20
Missionaries' salaries deposited in Canada on request	600.85
Council Expenses	1,517.57
	$28,009.81

TRUST FUNDS

RECEIPTS:

Pension Fund—	
Sale of Bell Telephone Stock rights	$ 5.70
Interest	92.25

Special Fund—	
Sale of Main Building, Shoal Lake Camp	400.00
Legacy Fund—	
Estate of Marion Kidd, Estevan, Saskatchewan	20.84
Interest	36.00
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Sale of Bell Telephone Stock rights	14.25
Interest	18.00
	$ 587.04

DISBURSEMENTS:

Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Royal Conservatory of Music	$ 68.00

Ruth E. Pye

Treasurer.

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3. Pray earnestly and unceasingly.

4. Be well informed about the purpose, organization and work of our Society so that you can answer questions intelligently. This will require *careful* and *constant* study of the Constitution and Handbook for Officers, the study, *The Glad Tidings* and general missionary literature.

5. Do what you can to smarten up your meetings. Women have many interests making a bid for their time and talents. Try new and it maybe quite different types of programme. Give them something interesting and worth-while when they do come.

6. Try a Round-Up in your church—a church-wide meeting of all the women.

7. Give help and encouragement to junior groups.

8. If you are an Officer know your duties and do them.

Often we hear it said that the women's organization of a church is dying—and the question comes to our mind "WHO IS RESPONSIBLE"? Well who is? May I quote the answer given in *Outreach* the magazine of the Board of National and Foreign Missions and Christian Education, U.S.A.

"The membership chairman says she can't get any people because the programme is dull. The programme chairman says she can't have better programmes until they get some new people; and the new people can't see that the organization is doing anything worth their time. Nothing more can be done for others unless there are better officers, but the nominating committee can't get better officers (even if they promise them that no work is involved) until the membership committee gets some new life into the society. The spiritual life secretary says they can't get new life without better programmes.

Who is responsible? *Every officer*. Each is the essential key to making everyone else's work worthwhile. By not knowing what her job is and doing it, she hurts the work of everyone else."

This puts the responsibility for realization of the Objective upon the shoulders of every individual member. —*Helen M. Horne*

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"Expenditures for four months have been $69,345.45. If each Synodical had been making contributions regularly we should have received, at the end of April: $70,000. I ask each delegate, upon her return to urge that money be in earlier. Expenses go on but the income is not being received to meet these expenses. We have been stressing this point for several years and there is some improvement. Much still needs to be done, particularly at the auxiliary level."

Mrs. Pye spoke of the other funds of the Society. Very few changes had been made in their balance. These funds are listed month by month in *The Glad Tidings*.

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Editorial

THIS month we are starting our annual campaign for *Glad Tidings* subscriptions. For several months now you will have this matter brought before you by your *Glad Tidings* Secretary and by your Auxiliary President. No doubt, if you attend rallies and annual meetings throughout the year you will hear about numbers of subscriptions which have been sold.

As we look back on the history of the magazine, it seems that except for the first few years after 1925 there has been constant urging on the part of those responsible for publishing the magazine for the women of our Society to subscribe and use *The Glad Tidings.* This makes us wonder concerning the function of a missionary magazine—or for that matter of missionary literature of any description.

One thing is certain, our magazine is not published as a money-making scheme! It is true we depend upon subscription money to pay for printing and through the years the tremendous increases in price of paper, printing and the cost of labour, have had to be charged to subscriptions so that money given for the general upkeep of mission work might not be touched. With each increase in subscription price has come a distinct slump in the number of subscriptions with the excuses coming from all sides: "It is too much money." "I am not interested."

How greatly do we value the free use of the printed word? The question has come constantly to our minds as we see counter after counter of secular magazines and books, with attractive colours and suggestive pictures, beckoning the men, women and children to spend their money, their time, and lend their minds to be moulded, at least temporarily, by ideas, dressed cleverly in words which make their impression whether we wish them to or not. The governments of Canada and the United States have had this question before them and the discussion which has arisen has shown that unless judgment is practised in the use of the printed word, we enslave that use to those who would capture minds and use them to no good purpose. Take, for instance, the connection which has been established between juvenile delinquency and certain types of books and comic strips which are freely accessible to our young people. In a release from the Health News Service, Dr. Gordon Bates, general director of the Health League of Canada, states: "We have neglected spiritual values and have created a generation of libidinous readers." Dr. Bates writes further: "Is it true that in the mad rush for material wealth we have neglected cultural teaching in our schools and universities elevating the importance of technical teaching to enable one to make a living above that of teaching us how to live?"

What are we admitting when we say that our Presbyterian magazines are "too expensive", or "we are not interested"? Are we not, in truth passing a cherished freedom into enslavement? Is it too costly to have in our homes our Church magazines (we have only two monthly publications) and to be seen by our children and our friends *reading* these magazines. Is it too costly to discuss the articles written by our missionaries and ministers, by men and women who are experiencing the reality of God's Spirit working through them to bring the world to the knowledge of Christ? These words hold truth of eternal value. The lives they help to mould are lives which make a lasting impression upon the world, they are not lost in the selfish seeking of ideas exciting to the emotions, and hypnotic to the vital realities of God's world. These words are used in the true sense of freedom not to enslave minds to the ways of men.

Now is the time to subscribe for *The Glad Tidings* for 1953. We count it a privilege and a great responsibility to use God's gift of the printed word in the interests of the missionary work of our Society and Church. We offer it to you in the same spirit.

DEATHS

Mr. Sherrick

It is to be deeply regretted that word of the death of Miss Mary Sherrick's father did not reach this office for several months after Mr. Sherrick died. We know that many members of our Society would have wished to extend their sympathy to Mrs. Sherrick and to Mary at the time. Even after these many months we want them to know that they are remembered in love and sympathy.

Mr. R. Gourlay

News of the death, in the early part of August, of Mr. Gourlay, father of Mrs. Harold Keefer, member of our Council Executive, came as a shock to the members of the Board. During the past two years, Mrs. Keefer and her family have been under severe strain as a result of serious illness having come to each member of the family. In her hour of bereavement the prayers and sympathy of our members go to Mrs. Keefer and her Mother.

Miss Margaret Webster, B.A., Director of Organizations

IT was with great pleasure and pride that the appointment of Miss Margaret Webster as Director of Organizations was announced at the Council Meeting last May. Miss Webster assumes the duties of that office October 1st.

This new member of staff is no stranger to our Society or to our Church. Indeed in her work these past eleven years she has made herself known to many hundreds of people across Canada particularly those interested in Christian Education.

For seven years Miss Webster was Girls' Work Secretary in our Church. For the past four years she has served as Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Canadian Council of Churches. Her particular responsibility has been for the Canadian Girls In Training Movement, for girls' work generally, and for children's work. While she served with the Department of Christian Education two unique events occurred in which she was privileged to have a large and active part. Two years ago The Department of Christian Education entertained the World Convention on Christian Education, in Toronto. As a member of staff, Miss Webster had much of the detail of arrangement fall on her capable shoulders. This year as a climax to her career in girls' work, she directed the first National Canadian Girls In Training Camp. The success of the camp was a tribute to her share of the planning and preparing.

Miss Margaret Webster, B.A.

Miss Webster is the daughter of Reverend G. Carlyle and Mrs. Webster of Zion Manse, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Though a large part of her life was spent in Prince Edward Island, she was born in London, Ontario, and received her early education there. After graduation from Prince of Wales College, Charlottetown, she returned to London to attend the University of Western Ontario, where she earned her Bachelor of

Arts degree. She is a graduate of the Ontario College of Education and taught in Elora High School. From Elora she entered the full-time service of the Church, which she had already served in many ways as a volunteer leader.

There is no need to introduce "Margaret Webster" to Canadian Church people. She has through her service made her name in Church work stand for the highest standards. We welcome her again to our staff. It is our prayer that she may continue to find happiness and satisfaction in the service of her Lord and Master.

Designation Of Miss Agnes McLeod

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MISS Agnes McLeod was designated in Kenora Presbyterian Church, Monday, May 12th. The service was in charge of Winnipeg Presbytery. The Moderator, Rev. D. C. Hill, B.A., B.D., presided. Dr. M. E. R. Boudreau read the Scripture lesson and preached the sermon, and the Rev. J. Stanley Flook led in prayer. Miss Helen Ross, deaconess, now teaching at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, presented the deaconess pin. Mrs. J. A. Davidson representing Council Executive brought greetings and made the presentation of a Bible to Miss McLeod on behalf of the Society. A Book of Praise was presented by Mrs. M. E. R. Boudreau who represented the Winnipeg Presbyterial Society. Mrs. J. Hendy presented a gift from the congregation.

Designation Of Miss Geraldine Greer

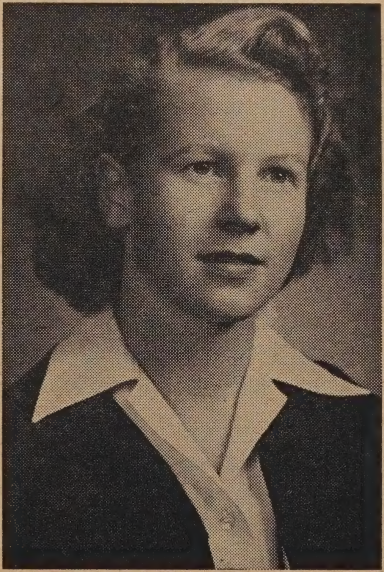
MISS Geraldine Greer, B.A., of Puslinch, Ontario, was designated in her home church, Duff's Church, Puslinch, on Friday, June 20th, 1952. A large gathering of her friends was on hand to share in the service and to wish her well as she started on her missionary travels.

The service was in charge of Guelph Presbytery. The Moderator, Reverend Earl F. Smith of Hespler presided. Reverend James Sutherland, B.A., of Campbellville, and Reverend Forbes Thomson of MacNab Street Church, Hamilton, were the speakers. Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, presented Miss Greer for designation. She spoke of the high qualities of mind and spirit which Miss Greer was now dedicating to the work of her Master.

Mr. Sutherland speaking to the congregation, asked what we, the people of Canada, felt about the masses of people throughout the world who needed the teaching of Christ and to be shown His way. To Hitler, he said, the masses were cannon fodder, to communists, they are numbers of labourers, to democracies, so many voters. We may view them with sorrow and have sympathy for them but we need to see them as Jesus saw them—as individuals. He loved the masses—not with a patronizing love but with a love that called forth everything He had to give to them.

"At such a service as this, we need to rededicate ourselves." We need to resolve to seek, through prayer, to be guided to do the work God has for us to do. We need to hear the call of the masses of people in all parts of the world, who need our help to find the Way of Salvation.

"Lovest thou me?" was a question Jesus asked Peter, and asked him three times. Mr. Thomson addressing the missionary designate, said this was the plainest question of all for the disciples to answer. Jesus asked it of Peter—Peter



Miss Geraldine Greer, B.A.

who was destined to be a leader of the early Church. What did the question mean? It means that it is what we *are* to Jesus and not what we do, for Him, that matters most. We cannot begin our life for Him until we have answered that plainest of all questions asked by the Master. But the question comes to mind in all the difficulties in the work for the Master—and coming gives us strength to carry on.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, represented the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) and presented the Bible. In doing so she pointed out to the congregation that Miss Greer is going to an organized Church, to a lovable people, to be placed where she is desperately needed. She is to help lift the standard of our School, so that it may not only set high standards for the country, but as a Christian School.

Reverend T. G. M. Bryan introduced members of his church representing the various organizations which desired to give tangible evidence of their love and support of the young woman who is the first missionary to be designated from that church for overseas service.

Miss Greer left the following week to take up her work in Formosa. M.E.W.

Designation Of Miss Ida M. White, Reg.N.

MISS IDA M. WHITE was designated for service overseas, in Goderich, Ontario, Friday evening, August 15th.

This spring Miss White graduated from the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School in Toronto. She sails on September 5th for India where she will serve on the Bhil Field with one of the Medical Mobile Clinics of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The service was conducted by the Moderator of Huron-Maitland Presbytery, Rev. D. R. Sinclair. Mrs. G. D. Ralston, Principal of the Presbyterian Missionary and Deaconess Training School, presented Miss White for designation, Rev. R. G. MacMillan, minister of Knox Church, Goderich, adressed the missionary, and Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) the congregation.

Mr. MacMillan urged Miss White to remember three things as she journeys forth as a medical missionary. First is prayer, the second is study, and the third to remember that, though she may be serving in the isolated parts of the world, her efforts are part of the whole mission of the whole Christian Church. There is danger in working on a mission field, that our

Romance In Christian Missions

WHEN Katherine Sun of Kunming, China became the bride of Benjamin Lu a student from China taking post-graduate studies in Canada, a story of romance in Christian missions had been culminated. It was Mrs. Ralston, Principal of the Deaconess Training School who told the wedding guests the story at the reception after the wedding.

Some of you know part of the story. You know that Katherine came from China three years ago. She came at the suggestion of Mrs. Chiu, who, you will remember was in Canada with her husband on a furlough year. They served at Glenview Church in Toronto for that year. Mrs. Chiu thought that to bring her young assistant out from China, to train her in teaching methods and in theology, would mean that Katherine could go back to China and serve as a teacher of teachers as well as a superintendent of a kindergarten in Kunming.

Katherine came and has completed a course in the Deaconess Training School from which she graduated in April. She will complete her kindergarten studies this summer. In the course of her work in Toronto she met a young Chinese student. They became friends. Benjamin Lu gave his heart to Katherine but he became interested too in her religion. They studied together. As a result he realized that he desired to make Jesus Christ his Lord and Master.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Lu

On June 21st in Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Katherine Sun and Benjamin Lu were united in marriage. Reverend Joseph Wasson, D.D. performed the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by Reverend E. A. Thomson, D.D. Miss Margaret Lim, of Formosa was bridesmaid, Mr. Paul Yeh was groomsman.

Thus, though far from home and family, two young people were married among friends who wish for them great happiness and God's richest blessing upon their lives.

M.E.W.

First Impressions of Willingen

BY LAURA K. PELTON

NESTLED at the foot of the Waldeck hills, Germany, lies the quaint little town of Willingen about one hundred miles east of Cologne. It appeared to be a part of Germany almost untouched by the war. The people looked to be well dressed and healthily nourished. To this spot came two hundred people from about fifty countries gathered for the Enlarged Committee Meeting of the International Missionary Council from July 5th to 18th.

This conference followed in the tradition of Edinburgh in 1910, Jerusalem in 1928, Madras in 1938 and Whitby, Ontario, in 1947.

Why did the Executive of the International Missionary Council call together the Enlarged Committee in conference only five years after Whitby? Because the Executive of that body became convinced that we had come to a point in the history of the Church's mission to a world in chaos when it was imperative that representatives of the churches should sit down together in humble dependence upon the Holy Spirit to discover what God was saying to His people at this time and what he was commanding His people to say to the world.

The mere fact of church representatives meeting together does not guarantee that they shall hear aright the voice of God; of this we were acutely aware at Willingen. Time and time again in an effort to arrive at the right answers we were driven to a new humility and honest heart-searching.

Miss Laura K. Pelton

Now a week after the closing of the conference we believe that the work of our study commissions, the discussions in our plenary sessions and our prayer services with which we opened and closed each day did reveal to us some words which God had to say to such a body.

1. Despite doors which have closed and are closing to the Gospel message, despite the difficulty with which the Church makes her witness in some parts of the world, despite the increasing difficulty with which missionaries are allowed to enter some countries, despite all the hostile forces arraigned against the Church, she is called to go forth in hope and

confidence to proclaim the message of God's redemptive love.

2. We realized that as some doors closed, new doors had opened and that the mission field is as wide as the world.

3. The younger churches still call to the older churches for help in partnership. They still need our assistance in money and personnel.

4. We were made equally aware that the assistance which we give in the future must be in a different spirit from that in which it has been given in the past; it must be given from one equal partner to another equal partner with the same authority operating at the receiving end as at the sending.

5. Humbly and painfully we realized that if the Church is to speak effectively and authoritatively she must be a Church witnessing in unity. This does not presuppose any particular ecclesiastical organization, but we did realize that we must be one in Christ Jesus if we are to reach down to the tragic divisions which drive men and keep them apart today.

6. From two addresses entitled "The Church under the Cross" given by two men from different parts of the world, each of whom had experienced a suffering of body and spirit through which he had come to know in a new way the judgment and mercy of God, we realized that through suffering the Church becomes most effective in her witness. We suspect that for North Americans the suffering of the Church is not a reality in the sense in which it was for the European and Korean delegations and also for some of those from Latin America.

7. God spoke to us through the failures of the past; *e.g.*, the half-hearted effort in the sending of the Gospel on the part of prosperous churches in the West, the unwillingness on the part of many missionaries to hand over the control of their own affairs to the younger churches, the extravagant expenditure of money on large institutions which the younger churches are unable to finance, the failure on the part of the Western churches to give an effective witness within their own countries and their own communities. Even as we were compelled to look at the failures of the past we were also led to see the glory and the courage and the sacrifice on the part of those great pioneers who, by the grace of God, made possible the existence of the Church throughout almost all the inhabited world today.

We believe that God used the conference at Willingen as a word from the ecumenical Church to the German people and also as a word from the German people to the Church throughout the world. The quality of the welcome given to us by the Germans spoke to the delegates a word of penitent love. The response of the delegates to that welcome was the response from one family group to another who had never really been apart. The people of the village became almost a part of the conference; many of them gathered with us for prayer services. The children used to follow the African and Oriental delegates along the streets with a frank and open-mouthed wonder and curiosity. One day one little lad rubbed the hand of one of the African men to see whether or not the black would come off on his own. All the while the delegates causing so much curiosity entered into the spirit of it all with rare good humour.

If we were asked to say in a few words what we consider to be the importance of the Willingen meeting, we would answer thus: As men and women coming from the four corners of the earth, representing many and varied cultures and churches, we were brought through travail to the sobering and almost devastating realization that we are called today to proclaim the message of God's forgiveness and redemption in Jesus Christ with no props to sustain us and no posts to guide us other than our sure hope and confidence in the sovereignty of God and the ultimate victory of Jesus Christ. There was no easy optimism at Willingen, no superficial exhilaration, no shallow happiness; we were stripped of all these and left standing before one another in the midst of all our failures and weaknesses but knowing ourselves to be members of the family of God, members of one another, with a task to do and a promised strength with which to do it.

Policy Re Deputation of Overseas Missionaries

COUNCIL Executive appointed a Committee which would be responsible for arranging the itineraries for Missionaries on furlough. The Committee has agreed on the following policy:

1. Requests from individual Auxiliaries or congregations (with exception of Sunday Services) cannot be granted. We are sure that it will be evident to all members, with the limited number of missionaries, that were we to consider requests from individual Auxiliaries we would never be able to present our overseas work to the whole Society.

2. The itineraries of missionaries will be arranged by the Committee on a Presbyterial basis, stipulating that each meeting must be in the nature of a Presbyterial Annual, Rally or Sectional meeting.

3. The Committee will be glad to give consideration to requests for Sunday Services where they can be fitted in with the main itinerary of the Missionary.

—*Helen M. Horne,*
Corresponding Secretary and
Convener of Committee.

My Work In British Guiana

BY ALLAN REOCH, B.A.

THE work in British Guiana is not spectacular but there is a slow steady progress. Opportunities abound everywhere and the people listen to the message gladly.

I have nineteen Primary Schools —and counting the Manual Training Centre and Domestic Science Centre—for administrative purposes, fourteen. There are slightly over 5,000 pupils in the schools for which I am responsible.

There is a twenty-minute devotional period in each school every morning. Periodic visits are made to these schools and at the moment I am taking up the Ten Commandments with the help of the flannelgraph board. About 1,400 of the older pupils are reading the four Gospels and when completed, will receive a New Testament. Two schools have already completed this course and the others are progressing at their own speed. This must have some effect in the overall picture, both in leading some to Christ and in breaking down opposition to Christianity.

In the High School at New Amsterdam there is a daily morning devotion period. The student Christian fellowship group meeting on Thursdays has grown to around seventy. We are studying the Gospel of John and a large number have completed reading the Four Gospels and have received their New Testament.

The East Indian minister, Mr. Ramsaroop and I have been holding two cottage meetings a week in New Amsterdam since last February. We have tried to have the Christians invite their non-Christian friends and while they do not always do this as much as we would like, nevertheless the meetings have been most helpful. Copies of *Every Day* are distributed to those gathered, in an effort to establish Family Worship. These cottage meetings are a follow-up of the Lantern slide addresses held at the Manse every evening for a period of two months.

During the first half of April Dr. Rigby of Georgetown and two of his Bible students came to help

Rev. Allan Reoch, B.A.

us on the West Coast and very successful evangelistic services were held. Especially at Bush Lot, we had one fourth of the population over a four-mile area out to a single meeting. We were only able to pack 600 in the school, but others sat on benches outside while some were either standing or sitting on the side of the road.

Mr. Sohan, the minister at Albion has placed a New Testament in every home on that large sugar estate—approximately 1,100 homes. The Catechists at Bush Lot and Novar have now started placing a New Testament in every non-Christian home in their districts, and we are now doing the same in the villages close to New Amsterdam. This distribution of New Testaments will be followed up by specially prepared tracts on "What Christians Believe"—concerning God—and Christ. Special evangelistic services will be held at Albion in August.

Two more Young People's Societies have been organized—one at Bush Lot and one at New Amsterdam.

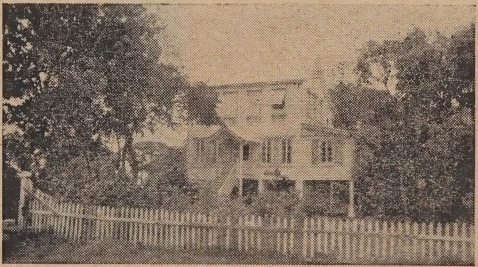
We have a school at Karamat, a solid Mohammedan community in a remote district up the Mahaicony Creek. I always enjoy my visits to Karamat. The people are most friendly and we have meetings in the evening and there is always a fine response.

A copy of the booklet "This Is The Life" has been given to each of my 110 teachers and some to the Young People's Societies.

The Bible Correspondence Course has not moved ahead as rapidly as we had hoped but some are making progress. Five have completed the previous course on "God's Plan of Redemption"—the three volumes by Miss Paxson on Life on The Highest Plane.

We appreciate more than words can express the marvellous response to the appeal for Bibles, New Testaments, *Every Day*, Sunday School Supplies and "This Is The Life", etc.

This will give you an idea of the type of work we are doing, which along with the immense administrative work, makes the days extremely busy.



W.M.S. House, New Amsterdam, British Guiana

A Glad Tidings Programme

BY MRS. J. G. INKSTER

THE purpose underlying a *Glad Tidings* programme is to sell the magazine to W.M.S. members and beyond that to members of the Church in order that Presbyterian women may be more widely informed women. The plan in this suggested outline is to show the human interest and the wide scope of the appeal in its pages by a very few suggestive examples. The whole may be done in the form of a playlet. It can, however, if preferred, be easily adapted to the usual pattern bringing out the points desired by means of papers or talks. It is urged that these be brief, put into the speaker's own words from articles in *The Glad Tidings*. The programme is planned to be put on entirely by members of the auxiliary. October would be the best month but where this is not desired because of special Thank-offering meetings, it could be done in November. *Begin your preparation early.*

Playlet—SELL GLAD TIDINGS

Dramatis Personae:
Glad Tidings Secretary
A Non-subscriber
A Non-reader-subscriber
Readers Six (6)

Scene: A church parlour where the auxiliary of the W.M.S. is meeting. As the scene opens, the *Glad Tidings* Secretary is moving among the ladies, distributing the latest copy of the magazine. The six readers take the copy and quickly and eagerly open it and look through the pages. The non-reader subscriber rolls hers up and puts it away in her purse or hand bag. The non-subscriber does not receive a copy. She tries to be oblivious of the action taking place among the women. The *Glad Tidings* Secretary chats with the ladies then turns to the non-subscriber:

Glad Tidings Secretary — Why do you not subscribe to *The Glad Tidings?*

Non-subscriber—Oh . . . well . . . well . . . The price is too high.

Glad Tidings Secretary — Why do you not read a magazine for which you pay every year?

Non-reader—Because I am not interested in meetings, reports or missionary work.

Glad Tidings Secretary—Are you interested in romance, in a love story? (The Secretary turns to Reader No. 1) Mrs. ————, I heard you speaking of a romance you read in *The Glad Tidings.*

Reader No. 1—Tells the story of Katherine Sun (September 1952 *Glad Tidings*).

Glad Tidings Secretary—This is romance but it is a real life story and you could read it and see the picture in *The Glad Tidings.* Here is another story of romance and adventure from *The Glad Tidings* Yesterday—Head Hunters; To-day —Christian Hunters. Mrs. ————

you know the story of the mountain people of Formosa.

Reader No. 2—(Tell the story as found in *Glad Tidings*: June 1952 page 246; June 1951 page 251; June 1948, page 228; October 1948 page 386; September 1947 page 321.

Glad Tidings Secretary—Do you like stories of adventure in travel? Mrs. and Mrs. ———— you were speaking about our van work at home and overseas.

Reader No. 3 tells of the work on mountain and prairie roads in western Canada from November 1951 page 446; March 1952 page 119; March 1951 page 107.

Reader No. 4 tells the story of Momeduc the Rover from September 1951 page 334.

Glad Tidings Secretary — Perhaps you are interested in more practical things. If so, you would like an article on household management.

Reader No. 5—I have been reading about the work of feeding and clothing the children at the Indian schools. (She tells in her words the story from March 1951 page 102; July-August 1951 page 304-5.

Glad Tidings Secretary—If you are the artistic type, *The Glad Tidings* has something to appeal to you.

Reader No. 6—Yes, music forms an important part of life in Formosa. (She tells the story from November 1951 page 436; July-August 1951 page 289).

Glad Tidings Secretary—These are just a few items in the varied content of *The Glad Tidings* but it is hoped they will make you want to read the magazine and that they will suggest to enterprising members how *The Glad Tidings* can help to make their meetings varied, realistic and alive.

Suggested Hymns — 385, 390, 568, 393.

Bible Reading—Romans 10: 10-21.

Supplies For Formosa

UPON the return of the delegation from Formosa it was suggested that some good used clothing would be very acceptable to the Formosan pastors, teachers and their families. An appeal was made in several quarters and the response was most generous. Two trunks of very good used clothing were packed and sent as excess baggage with Miss Margaret MacKenzie and Miss Geraldine Greer, when they left for Formosa. To all who so generously made donations the Supply Department wishes to say a hearty "Thank you".

(Mrs. D. F.) Norma C. Hazell

A Milestone In Leadership Training

FOR several years members of the National Canadian Girls In Training Committee have been talking about and planning for a camp which representative Senior C.G.I.T. girls from all parts of Canada might attend. The talking and planning became a reality at Camp Kwasind, Ontario, July 8-19, 1952. National Camp was truly a milestone in co-operative work in Christian education. We believe that the success of the camp proves that the highest levels of achievement can be reached when the various communions, through such a movement as Canadian Girls In Training, work together to bring young people to a realization of their great heritage in the Protesant faith.

This was achieved at National Camp in several ways. First the planning for the camp was done co-operatively. In the camp committee each National Girls' Work Secretaries saw the plans work out, heard them discussed by the C.G.I.T. Committee as a whole, and finally took part in camp leadership. Since plans were under way over a year before the camp took place, there was ample time for criticism, suggestions and additions.

Leaders were chosen to represent various parts of Canada and their denominations and they were chosen also for their ability to give the best type of guidance both in leadership training and in Bible Study. Miss Margaret Webster, Associate Secretary of the Department of Christian Education, whose chief responsibility is the C.G.I.T. Movement, directed the camp. Miss Lois Tupper, Dean of the Baptist Leadership Training School at McMaster University, led the girls and leaders in their thinking concerning the Bible. Small discussion groups on the Bible Study were led by each of the leaders.

Missionary education was not neglected. In fact this part of the Church's work had the keenest interest of the campers. Four young women from Africa, Korea, Formosa and Bolivia, camped with the girls and they all shared in Christian fellowship and learned from each other—not only about countries—but about the deepest things—thoughts of God and how He was revealed to each of us through Jesus Christ. Here it seemed to us was a living example of the nations of the world living in Christian fellowship.

Two Canadian missionaries were present Miss Margaret Dawson of Angola, Portuguese East Africa and Miss Bessie MacMurchy from the Bhil Field in India. Miss MacMurchy was camp nurse and gave direction to the missionary activities which included a vesper service and two evening programmes.

Miss Margaret Webster addressing National Campers
. . . . a belief in leadership qualities of Senior C.G.I.T. girls.

The girls themselves made the camp what it was. Representing three of four co-operating denominations in C.G.I.T. they came from all ten of Canada's provinces. Unknown to each until they met as travelling companions and at camp, they soon adapted themselves into a community of close friends—each one eager to study to satisfy the yearning within for answers to questions regarding their faith—yet each one a part of a whole group pressing forward to a common goal. They came to work, as some of us who questioned their choice of study when recreation time came, were sternly told on more than one occasion. Work they did through the hottest part of one of Ontario's hottest summers—and they rejoiced in the chance to do it! How we wish—you—the members of our Women's Missionary Society might have seen these teenagers whom *you* sponsor and support, whom you help and guide in their individual groups at home.

Miss Kim, Korea, Miss Llanqui, Bolivia, prepare for Vespers with Miss Bessie MacMurchy, India.

Prayer

OUR loving Heavenly Father, for Thy constant care and comforting Presence with us throughout all the days of summertime, whether our footsteps have gone far afield seeking rest and relaxation, or whether the busy days at home have been even more filled with responsibilities and toil, we lift our eyes to Thee in humble gratitude and sincere thanksgiving. Our hearts are filled with praise that now, in the rich fulfilment of the harvest-tide, we are permitted, in Thy name, to gather together again in fellowship and prayer; rejoicing in Thy bounty and Thy goodness and filled with renewed eagerness and inspiration as we look into the months ahead, to realize anew how white, indeed, are Thy fields for harvest, and how much awaits us there to do for Thee. Grant to us this vision glorious, oh most gracious Father, and guide us as the days unfold in the ways that Thou woulds't have us go. Give to each one of us the task best fitted for our individual doing, and the strength and courage to accept it as a sacrificial offering unto Thee, Whose forgiveness and compassion toward Thy unworthy children has been so infinite from generation unto generation.

Father, we would beseech Thee for gentle hearts and quiet minds to hear Thy voice and know the staying comfort of Thy touch; to realize the never-failing wonder of Thy love and the miracle of Thy peace within our daily lives. Help us to conquer fear and anxiety, and remove from us all intolerance, distrust and waywardness as we lose ourselves in the perfect faith and trust of spiritual communion with Thee in all we think and do. Incline our hearts in sympathy and understanding toward all those who are helpless and in need, and who have not yet come to know Thee, in all Thy glory and uplifting love. Very specially bless all our missionaries, who proclaim Thy message of salvation unto all those needy ones in distant lands. Strengthen their hearts and the courage of their witnessing, and may they ever know Thy power and Thy nearness in every hour of crisis or distress. May they feel, too, our loving fellowship with them in the work they seek to do for Thee, and the steadfast support of our united intercession for them before Thy throne of grace, as we carry them in our hearts in prayer.

We pray Thee for Thy Church in all the world, and particularly for that branch in which we worship. Pour out upon her, and all the ministers and workers in Thy cause, Thy Holy Spirit and Thy power, and grant unto them wisdom, judgment, and ever-increasing zeal in proclaiming unto all men the message of Thy redeeming love. Bless all the members of our own Society and draw us ever closer in mutual understanding and loyalty, as we work together in unity of thought and prayer, seeking to do our part in winning ''The World for Christ'' through the extension of Thy kingdom unto all those who know Thee not.

We ask it all in the name of Jesus Christ, Thy Beloved Son, our Saviour and our Lord. Amen.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

Plan Your Auxiliary Programmes! AFRICA — the Theme for 1952-53

AS Auxiliary Programme Committees plan the programmes for their Auxiliaries for the coming months, and we hope they do, we would remind them of the study materials available on AFRICA for AFRICA is the theme for all the members of the Women's Missionary Society Family in 1952-53.

Six meetings have been outlined for auxiliaries under the general title of AFRICA — CONTRASTS AND CONFLICTS. It is hoped that we may through these meetings come to understand Africa and her people better as we consider the contrasts between the old Africa and the new; the conflicting old religious beliefs and the new faiths that challenge them; the old ways of living as they come up against the ways of the modern mining towns and industrial centres; the old primitive educational methods against those of mission and government schools. Truly the contrasts and conflicts are many. In the midst of these, comparatively small, but nevertheless influential, stands the Christian Church. In our study we think of what the Christian Church has done and is doing to help the African people meet the new day with the only faith that is adequate to meet the conflicts that surround them. We will think of the small but interesting contribution our Women's Missionary Society is making towards the advance of Christianity in Africa.

The Auxiliary Study Packet contains the source book—AFRICA—CONTRASTS AND CONFLICTS and a booklet of six programme outlines, including services of worship. In the latter booklet additional reference books on Africa, such as AFRICAN HERITAGE by Emory Ross and AFRICANS ON SAFARI by Leslie Sayre, are suggested which will not only provide interesting supplementary material for the Auxiliary programmes but are excellent books to pass around among the members for reading at home.

By the use of coloured wall maps of Africa and friendship maps we can bring Africa before our eyes as we think of that vast land. These maps are available.

We would urge that all responsible for programmes secure copies of the study packet for auxiliaries — AFRICA — CONTRASTS AND CONFLICTS*;* read the source material and programme outlines carefully and plan to make Africa and the African people really live for your Auxiliary during this study year.

Watch this page and the Book List on the back cover of this magazine for recommended books and materials on Africa for all age groups.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

ONCE again we return to our auxiliaries after a summer rest. A great many of our auxiliary members have had a holiday during the summer months, others especially in our rural districts have their best meetings in summer. I trust even though we have had no meetings our thoughts and prayers have continued for our work.

We have three months more until we close our books for the year so now is the time to consider whether we have accomplished all we had hoped for this year.

Let us consider what we have personally done to improve our Society.

Have we as individuals done anything about getting one new member?

Have we set aside our contribution for July and August and brought it to our September meeting?

Have we considered ways and means for improving our Society?

Remember your Council, Synodicals and Presbyterials accepted a challenge for 100 new groups and 10,000 new members. It is the Auxiliary member who can make this objective come true.

On the one hand are people who have never heard of the only Saviour of the world. On the other hand are people who have never heard the call for money and for lives to be poured out with the greatest task ever given to man, Winning The World For Christ.

Between them we stand. Let us stand with the determination they shall hear.

No call is more needed in missionary leadership to-day than the Joshua call. Age should be calling youth. Experience should enlist and train inexperience. Together age and youth should present themselves for the blessing of God and the extension of His Kingdom.

There is no danger of youth running riot if when Moses presents himself before the Lord he calls Joshua to go with him and if when Joshua faces his task Moses blesses him with the assurance "I will be with thee."

No member has a right to give up until he has called Joshua.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department

Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

Dear Young Women—

"WHY should the Protestant Churches of North America concern themselves with establishing and promoting a Church in

Latin America, when there are so many spots on the earth's surface untouched by any Christian influence?" This question has been raised again and again during the past year by many of our most sincere members.

Perhaps such books as "We Americans: North and South", and "He Wears Orchids" have helped you to answer this question to your own satisfaction. For me, this whole question of sending missionaries to Latin America has been made urgent and vital by letters I have been receiving from a Nurse friend in Caracas, Venezuela. Her service in the Wrens helped to deepen the conviction that lasting peace was possible only if it had spiritual foundations. That conviction changed her plans completely, and compelled her to leave a highly lucrative position in order to complete her preparation by two years' study.

I want to share with you some of her impressions, her hopes,—yes,—and some of her satisfactions during her first year on the field.

July, 1951.

In Canada we greet visiting friends with an invitation "Make yourself at home". Here in Venezuela, the Spanish equivalent to such a greeting is a statement: "You are in your house." It was a statement I accepted happily. Within 24 hours after my arrival in Caracas, I felt completely "at home". One of the great blessings of the Christian experience is a sense of being a member of the household of faith.

Caracas is situated in the mountainous part of Venezuela, about three thousand feet above sea level. The weather is perpetually like warm Spring days in Canada. Majestic mountains, tropical vegetation, green and lush the year around, and a profusion of brightly-coloured flowers bloom endlessly.

But the cost of living is high here. We pay twice and even three times as much for food as you do in Canada. The only inexpensive items are orchids and gasoline.

Caracas is a very progressive and modern city of 700,000 people. It's sort of a boom city with beautiful buildings going up everywhere, modern roadways—ten evangelical churches,—four of them Presbyterian.

October, 1951.

I have been able to start two out-patient clinics with the help of two fine Venezuelan doctors. From the first day that the clinic was opened patients have been coming in increasing numbers and already we are having to turn some away for lack of time.

Away from Caracas lie large tracts of land, sleepy cities, and rural areas. One part of our territory, in the Barlovento region has been called "Little Africa", because the people (almost all of them Negro) live under such primitive conditions.

The Church doesn't confine its work to the cities. It works in the interior, helping to reach the people with the gospel through bringing them help in that which means most to them,—the soil. Whole areas are being evangelized in this way. In another area, it is the school that provides the opening wedge in reaching a population whose hearts are closed. Already the missionaries are seeing lives touched by Christ.

March, 1952.

We have just finished an evangelistic campaign which was sponsored by the evangelical churches of Caracas, representing five different denominations. Services were held every night for twelve nights and were in charge of a group from the Latin American Mission in San Jose, Costa Rica. There were 296 persons who made confession of faith, and all of us received great inspiration from this expression of our unity and common devotion to Christ. The last night of the campaign there were some 2,600 people present. Among those present was an Italian soprano, formerly a member of the Milani Opera Company, and now a voice teacher in this city. The power of the Christian message in song and sermon so gripped her that she made a confession of faith. The very next evening she appeared on the platform and sang a Christian song, which, she said, was her first effort to learn and sing a religious song. Since that evening she has been singing regularly in one or another of the churches.

July, 1952.

Since I wrote my last letter the rains have come and Caracas is more beautiful than ever. I have been especially impressed with the gorgeous flowering trees which I have never seen before, with their lovely pink, white and purple blossoms. The season for orchids is now almost over, but in the past three months they have been seen everywhere. It has been a common sight to see men and boys standing on street corners holding Pepsi-cola bottles filled with orchids, which sold for about 30 cents apiece.

Vacation Bible School was held in a thickly-populated section of Caracas, and the attendance reached an all-time high of ninety-five pupils. However, an adequate number of capable teachers had been making ready. When the exciting days of Vacation Bible School were brought to a close, a new life in Christ had begun for many children and parents, too. Homes previously closed to the Protestant Church are now wide open to our missionaries.

C.E.N.

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, Girls' Work Secretary

IF we could peek into many C.G.I.T. groups to-day, we would likely find them busily planning a season's work with leader and girls working together, setting their aims and outlining the programme which will help achieve the aims.

Now this planning can be one of two things. It can be a source of much worry to the leader or it can work out smoothly. So, we suggest that right now, you, the leader remember the words which were spoken to you by the president or some other officer in one of your Women's Missionary Society auxiliaries. Remember? She said: "Be sure to let me know if at any time I can help you." She meant it too! Fine! Drop around to see your auxiliary president and ask her for help. Let her see a rough outline of your plans and show her where members of the auxiliary can help. You will find them pleased to have this opportunity. What is more, they will be much more interested in your group if they are made to feel that they are needed and wanted.

There are always those occasions when food is an important part of the programme. This is a time when you, the leader, definitely need the help of the auxiliary ladies. But there are other ways they can help you too. Perhaps the leader feels the need for assistance in some special work the group wishes to do. The president of the auxiliary may know of someone in her group who is particularly skilled. A health project, for instance, may be better done by a nurse. Here the president could ask a nurse, either one who is still practising or one who is married, to help. This may mean going to a senior an evening or a young women's group. They are all interested in girls' work. A most successful project for senior girls, on the Senior Quiz packets; Looking Forward to Marriage was done by a young mother whose guidance made the girls realize the lovely side of homemaking. She culminated the study by inviting the girls to her home where they met her husband and her two small children. It was an unforgettable experience.

Music may not be the leader's strong point. Here again you may receive help for those special occasions when a girls' choir is needed. It might be a good idea if outside help is available for music, to have the helper come in from time to time to teach new songs. There are lovely ones in the new C.G.I.T. song book: *Lift Your Voices.*

Missionary groups will lend a helping hand in the mission study too. They will undoubtedly help with the purchase of supplies for study and for the projects. The auxiliary president might help too, to plan special events for the girls. Perhaps the older groups are going to be visited by a missionary on furlough. The girls would greatly enjoy being a part of such an occasion. An evening learning about missions through viewing films and slides can be enjoyed by the whole missionary "family".

The W.M.S. is interested in camps. Camps will be a part of your planning even in September. The older ladies will help you plan the financial side of the camping programme the leader and girls want.

These are a few ways that girls and women may work together to have an understanding of missions. Each community will know how best to plan cooperative activities. In working together there can grow a very happy fellowship within the church community. Missionary work is based on the love we have for our Lord and Master and for our fellow man. We build strong foundations for the effect of our outreach at home and abroad if in our work at home we show love and consideration for each other.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

Dear Boys and Girls:

PARCELS and more parcels have been arriving at our office. With the closing of your groups for the summer months your leaders have been sending us the gifts you made for boys and girls in British Guiana and Europe.

Other leaders have secured names and addresses to which to send Friendship Books. The books we have seen are most interesting and those who receive them will learn much about their friends "away up in Canada".

These parcels have come from many parts of our country. One Mission Band up in Northern Ontario sent a note which said "We held a 'Mitten Tree" instead of a White Gift Service."

At camp a group of junior girls made felt mittens and plastic animals as their service project. A woman in a rural area in Saskatchewan where we have no Presbyterian Church, sent two parcels of mittens. From Mission Bands and Explorer Groups have come parcels of mittens, a duffel bag filled with soft cuddly animals, smaller bags containing needles, pins, thread, soap, thimbles and many other articles which mothers will find useful when making and mending their children's clothes.

Don't you think that the people who receive these presents will have the happy excited feeling that comes at Christmas time? They will be thankful for the warm mittens and toys, but we think they will be delighted that children in Canada were interested enough in them to spend time in camp and at their meetings making gifts for them.

Something more you can do for these children is to ask God to send them leaders and teachers who will help them to know more about Jesus who came to this earth to tell people about the loving Father and who helped many who were sick, and lonely and frightened.

With best wishes,
The Children's Secretaries.

To the Leaders:

By the time you read this the parcels will be packed and started on their journey overseas, so we cannot receive any further contributions.
L.M.M.
E.M.M.

Christian Growing

The National Children's Work Committee of the Department of Christian Education of The Canadian Council of Churches announces that the first issue of their new magazine, *Christian Growing* will appear in October.

This publication will replace the former *Counsellor* and *Junior Leader* well known publications in the field of Christian Education for leaders of children.

The new magazine will be filled with interesting and instructive material and articles by outstanding leaders in each department of the Children's Division. These will bring inspiration and help to teachers of children in all Denominations. In addition there will be pages on "The Bible", "Parent Education", a Superintendents' Section, missionary work, and many other phases of Christian Education which no alert teacher, leader or parent can afford to miss.

The magazine will be published four times a year, each issue containing twenty-four pages. The Women's Missionary Society supplies its leaders of M.B. and Explorer Groups with the magazine. These magazines are sent to the Presbyterial Secretaries but any Church School teachers or others who wish to have it may place orders through the Board of Christian Education, The Presbyterian Church In Canada, 63 St. George St., Toronto 5, Ontario.

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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VICTORIA Presbyterial — Nineteen members from Victoria and five from Duncan attended the meeting of the Executive of the Presbyterial held in St. Andrew's Church, **Nanaimo**, recently. Mrs. H. Warren presided. Following a devotional service Miss Grace Mackay reported on her five-week leadership training course which was held in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria. She visited Island churches and groups; organized a new C.G.I.T. group at Port Alberni and held two sessions for leaders in Nanaimo and Port Alberni. Mrs. J. C. Scott who read the Treasurer's report, was presented with an Honorary Membership for her fourteen years' service as Treasurer.

The C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, **Victoria**, held their mother and daughter banquet recently with an attendance of sixty girls, mothers and friends. A fine dinner and programme were enjoyed by all. The guest speaker was Miss Verne Scott, Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship Secretary.

St. Andrew's Explorers held a Parents' and Friends' Evening recently when a fine programme was presented. The children conducted a short business meeting and presented two pageants—one depicting the different fields at home and abroad where our Church works, and another one entitled ''God's Springtime''. Four girls used the flannelgraph to tell the stories of ''The Good Samaritan'' and ''Zaccheus''. The meeting concluded with a graduation service for five Explorers who are going on into C.G.I.T.

Camp Thunderbird, **Glinz Lake**, near Sooke, provided excellent accommodation for the girls' camp of the Presbyterian Church which was sponsored by Victoria Presbytery. Miss Grace Mackay, Regional Secretary for British Columbia, directed the camp and was assisted by Miss Margaret Mackay of Vancouver, in the music department. Miss Ellen Douglas, recently returned missionary from Central India, won the hearts of the girls as she told fascinating stories of her work there. A personal touch was added when many of the lovely costumes of the East were displayed. Those on the staff were: Miss Grace Mackay, Director, Miss Margaret Mackay, Mrs. Gaines Cameron, Miss Ellen Douglas, Miss Olive Butterfield and Miss Gertrude Scott, Mr. Geoff. Archer, Y.M.C.A. Swimming Instructor, Mrs. R. A. Davis, Mrs. M. Corkle, Blair McLean and Douglas Randall.

Westminster Presbyterial — At the evening service, June 1st, of St. Andrew's-St. Stephens Church, **New Westminster**, Mrs. W. T. Beattie, President of the Senior Auxiliary, presided in the absence of Rev. P. C. McCrae, who was attending the General Assembly. She was assisted by Mrs. A. Lloyd, Home Helpers Secretary, and Mrs. E. Gunst, President of the Evening Auxiliary. The guest speakers were Miss Catherine Watson and Miss Athalie Read, of the Children's Centre, Vancouver.

The Senior Auxiliary of Fairview Church, **Vancouver**, held a luncheon for the Home Helper members in June, which was most enjoyable and worthwhile. The meeting following had as guest speaker Miss Edith Anderson, deaconess of Mount Pleasant Church.

The June meeting of Mount Pleasant Auxiliary, Vancouver, was of special interest as the speaker was Mrs. Ridway, a missionary from Bolivia who is home on furlough. She told of the country and habits of the people and the great difficulties missionaries have in that land which we are studying this year. On the farm, which is referred to in the study book, there are now twelve Christian schools, a nurse looking after the health of the people and a church has been built.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, **North Vancouver**, held their Thank-offering meeting recently, the large number who attended were keenly interested in hearing Miss Ellen Douglas, Hospital Visitor and former missionary in India, speak on the work being done by our Society there.

St. Stephen's Auxiliary, North Vancouver, celebrated their 40th anniversary in May. Rev. H. McRury opened the meeting with a service of worship. Greetings were brought from the Synodical by Mrs. W. T. Beattie, 1st Vice-President, and Miss Sybil White, Treasurer and Historian, and Mrs. M. Clifford represented the Presbyterial.

The Intermediate C.G.I.T. Group of St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Church, New Westminster, had three special events. When the study was completed a South American dinner was served, mothers of the girls and members of the Senior Auxiliary being specially invited. A mother and daughter banquet was held when the mothers were honoured. Miss Grace Mackay was the special speaker. A Junior Membership was presented to the group president, Jeanette MacDonald by Mrs. Beattie.

Central Auxiliary, Vancouver, at their June meeting had Mrs. Skene in charge of the devotions and the study. The July meeting was to be a supper meeting. Three C.G.I.T. members were present and provided musical selections. They were presented with pins by Miss White and Mrs. Jones.

Kamloops - Okanagan Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Kamloops**, held a special meeting on June 6th at which members of the Explorer Group were given their stars for attendance. Eleven were given their first year and one the second year. Two very interesting and educational slides sets on Formosa were shown. Mrs. A McSween and Mrs. D. Arnott are the leaders of this group.

Kootenay Presbyterial — A pleasing function was held in Knox Church, **Cranbrook**, on the evening of June 24th. The occasion commemorated the 50th year of the work of the Women's Missionary Society in this church, and was in the form of a birthday party. The Presbyterial was responsible for the celebration and Mrs. Armour of Chapman Camp, Presbyterial President, conducted the meeting. Members from the auxiliaries of Trail, Creston, Kimberley, and the Evening Auxiliary of Kimberley were present and participated in the programme, and brought greetings. Rev. D. G. M. Herron conveyed greetings from the Presbytery. Congratulatory greetings were also brought by representative members of the local W.M.S. auxiliaries. Letters from former members now residing elsewhere, expressing felicitations and good wishes were read. Mrs. Balment read a short résumé of the Auxiliary since its organization.

ALBERTA

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CALGARY Presbyterial — "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'' These were the words chosen by the Rev. R. McKay Esler when he addressed the Spring Thank-offering meeting of the combined Women's Missionary groups at Knox Church, **Calgary.** Mrs. R. Downie presided assisted by Miss Agnes Semple, and members of the C.G.I.T. were the ushers.

Grace Church, Calgary, C.G.I.T. and Explorers recently held their mother and daughter banquet with the largest attendance on record. An interesting programme was enjoyed with both mothers and girls taking part. The theme of the gathering was ''Christ Our Anchor'', and table decorations carried out the same idea.

Pleasant Heights, Calgary, Explorers held their mother and daughter tea in the church recently. A programme was given by the girls when they presented the story of a trip to British Guiana. Talks were given on Camp Kannawin, and several girls expressed their intention of going to camp this year.

Edmonton Presbyterial—A very interesting Presbyterial Executive meeting was held in First Church, **Edmonton,** recently. The President, Mrs. J. Kelman, who has just returned from the East, presided. A motion was passed to found a Memorial Camp Fund, in memory of the late Mrs. R. H. MacMicking. The fund would be available to assist some girl to attend camp at Sylvan Lake. A Hospital Visitor's Committee has been formed, with representatives from all Presbyterian Churches in the city. This committee will co-operate with the ministers and with our Hospital Visitor, Mrs. J. Anderson. A splendid report was received from First Church Explorers, which now numbers twenty-two. A sectional meeting is planned to be held in Killam. It was agreed to order 600 copies of a reprint of *The Glad Tidings'* article ''Famine In India'' for distribution within the Presbyterial.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Edmonton, entertained the mothers and children of the Home Helpers Department in the form of a picnic. A large number of mothers and children turned out to visit and play games. A picnic lunch was enjoyed by everyone.

Macleod Presbyterial — Miss Ellen Anderson was the guest speaker at a children's rally held at the Presbyterian Training School, **Medicine Hat,** in June. The children showed a great interest in her work when an opportunity was afforded to ask questions. A highlight of the programme were the choral numbers presented by the girls of the Senior Mission Band.

In the evening Miss Anderson addressed a joint meeting of the Hargrave, Ruby Walker and Isabel Taylor Guilds and the Senior Auxiliary of St. John's Church. A teen-age group of girls from the Presbyterian Mission, Riverside, also attended the gathering during which she told of her work and varied experiences while serving in British Guiana. Mrs. Wm. Rutherford, Vice-President of the Presbyterial conducted the meeting and Mrs. J. Hagerty led the service of worship.

Red Deer Presbyterial—Mrs. W. J. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. W. R. Bell and Mrs. C. C. Downing of Red Deer, visited Lousana in May on the occasion of the affiliation of the group at Lousana with the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. Downing conducted the service with Mrs. Kirkpatrick as guest speaker.

The visit of Miss Ellen Anderson was the incentive for a rally held in June in **Red Deer** Church. Most of the congregations of the Presbyterial were represented at the meeting which was preceded by a pot-luck supper. The opening devotions were conducted by Mr. Suiters of Willowdale, and Miss Anderson was introduced by Rev. R. J. Gillanders of Olds. Miss Anderson based her opening remarks on the last chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. She gave an extremely interesting story of her work among the East Indian people in the province of British Guiana in which she labours.

SASKATCHEWAN

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PRINCE Albert Presbyterial — The Happy Helpers Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, **Tisdale,** sent wash cloths and soap to Miss Hilda Blackwell, our Port Worker and deaconess, as a missionary project. The Willing Workers Girls' Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Tisdale, entertained the Sylvania and Melfort C.G.I.T. groups and their leaders to an out-door get-together. After a lot of fun, thirty-five gathered around a campfire for eats and a rousing sing-song, led by Arlene Jensen. The Rev. R. T. Hall, Synod Convener of Christian Education spoke to the girls for a few minutes on the Christopher Lake Camp. Miss Natalie Sine of Sylvania thanked the girls on behalf of the visitors. The meeting closed with ''Taps''. A lot of enthusiasm was evident as the girls parted with ''See you at Camp''!

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Saskatoon Presbyterial last year exceeded its allocation of funds for mission purposes, and for 1952 accepted an increase of $70.00 to make a total of $1,125.00. Total amount raised in 1951 was $1,146.07. This was reported at the annual meeting held recently at Parkview Church, **Saskatoon,** with Mrs. T. J. White presiding. Mission study by the various groups has been concerned with British Guiana and two guests were present who knew much of that country—Miss Ruth Elder, who is serving as a deaconess in the Presbytery this summer, is a daughter of missionaries in British Guiana, and Miss M. E. Anderson, missionary on furlough from work in Georgetown, British Guiana.

The Cradle Roll children and their mothers were entertained by Parkview Auxiliary, Saskatoon, at the final meeting of the season. Brief reports of the month's activities were given by the secretaries. The Supply Secretary displayed a patch quilt made for one of the Indian reserves and the women were invited to Mrs. Gordon's home for the purpose of tying and packing the quilt. Mrs. Best, Cradle Roll Secretary, welcomed the guests and was hostess to the children during the tea hour. Mrs. J. M. Young brought a message by flannelgraph to the children which was equally enjoyed by the senior guests and members.

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WINNIPEG Presbyterial—An enjoyable meeting for the Home Helpers was held in **Selkirk** at the home of Miss C. Smith in June. There were twenty-six ladies and eighteen children present.

At a rally of Mission Bands, Explorers, C.G.I.T., and Sunday School boys and girls in **Winnipeg,** Miss Ellen Anderson, missionary on furlough from British Guiana gave the message. Mrs. G. W. Bradley, Hospital Visitor, was present and told about the children she visits in the hospital. St. John's Mission Band presented Mrs. Bradley with small bags of candy to give to the patients. Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial President, brought greetings. When the boys and girls arrived at the meeting they enjoyed a box lunch and a social time together. Miss Margaret MacNaughton led in a short sing-song. Seventy boys and girls with leaders and friends were present.

Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held a meeting at the home of Mrs. T. Newlands when the guest speakers were Mrs. A. H. MacKay, Mrs. C. LeCocq and Mrs. McRae. Mrs. MacKay spoke on the Welcome and Welfare Department and outlined the work. Mrs. LeCocq in her remarks spoke of the immigrants coming in to our country and also told us of the work at Tyndale House in Montreal. Mrs. McRae, Home Helpers Secretary on the Presbyterial, spoke of that department and said we are all in this together and we should all try to help one another and most important of all try to get others interested in the Women's Missionary Society. Mrs. W. S. Smith, President, was in the chair.

The annual meeting of the Home Helpers with the Senior Auxiliary of First Church, Winnipeg, was held in June with a good attendance. Slides on British Guiana were much enjoyed. Mrs. D. McRae, Presbyterial Home Helpers Secretary, and Mrs. J. A. Davidson, President of the Presbyterial spoke briefly.

The annual supper meeting of Norwood Auxiliary, **Winnipeg,** was attended by members of Session and their wives, the President of the Ladies' Aid, Mrs. Harbottle, and her husband. Mrs. C. Gibbs, auxiliary President, presided.

St. John's Auxiliary, Winnipeg, held their Thank-offering meeting in the church. Miss Lyle Hyde presided. Greetings were brought from the Presbyterial by Mrs. J. Davidson. The highlight of the service was an address by Mrs. C. LeCocq.

Brandon Presbyterial—The third annual deGroot meeting was held recently by the auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, **Hartney.** At this meeting the mission work of the far East is stressed, as Mr. L. L. de Groot, who served St. Paul's Church in his student days, is now a missionary in Formosa. The speaker was Mrs. H. Kloosterboer who has just recently come to Canada after spending twenty-five years in China.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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BRUCE and Owen Sound Presbyterial—The annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Hanover** when Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Editor of *The Glad Tidings* was the guest speaker. The members were happy that their allocation had been fully met and that over one hundred ladies were in attendance at this annual meeting. In her talk Miss Whale paused to speak very enthusiastically of two workers who once lived in this area: Miss Helen Ross, now on the staff of the Cecilia Jeffrey School and Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., an evangelist on the Bhil Field in India.

In **Owen Sound** a Presbyterian C.G.I.T. rally was held at the end of May. A special meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary was held in June. Rev. E. Dutcher was the speaker.

At the country home of Mrs. Craigie Leach the **Walkerton** Home Helpers of Knox Church held their annual meeting in June. Mrs. Edward Krampp, Home Helpers Secretary was in the chair. The programme was taken from a book procured from our Literature Department called "What Is Love"?, with Mrs. H. Schultz, Mrs. M. Gibson, Mrs. C. Leach, Miss C. Inglis, Mrs. A. Kerstine, Mrs. Roy Tanner and Mrs. Earl Seigner taking part. Mrs. Wm. Henderson sang. Over sixty Home Helpers subscribe to *The Glad Tidings.*

Chatham Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Windsor**, keep their W.M.S. to the fore in the news write-ups they place in their local paper. One item mentions the activity of the ladies in making personal W.M.S. calls and reminds their members to work in making articles for the Supply bale during the summer months.

In Knox Church, Windsor, the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary held a baked goods and apron sale. The auxiliary held their birthday party in June.

Mount Zion Auxiliary, **Ridgetown**, was honoured in the late spring in having the Rev. Norman Kennedy, D.D., of Regina, Moderator of the General Assembly, present with them at their 65th anniversary. Over 400 gathered for this festivity, representing congregations in Amherstburg, Windsor, Wallaceburg, Chatham, Dresden, Thamesville, New Glasgow, Rodney, Duart, Morpeth and Ridgetown. Rev. Donald MacInnes, minister of the church. introduced the Moderator, who expressed appreciation of such a large attendance. During his address he reminded those present of testing days ahead when the Church of to-day, through the Strength which God supplies, prepares to meet the challenge as did the forefathers of our faith. Many greetings were received from local churches, Chatham Presbytery and Hamilton and London Synodical. Following the meeting the guests were welcomed in the Sunday School room by the President, Mrs. Ivan Hamil, Dr. and Mrs. Kennedy and Rev. Donald and Mrs. MacInnes.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, announced at their last meeting prior to the holiday season, that they were sending two girls from their church to summer camp, also that twenty-four visits had been made and magazines sent to East Windsor Hospital.

Knox Auxiliary, **Leamington**, had a Contribution Tea at the close of their May meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. R. Morris. Twelve guests from sister auxiliaries were welcomed and during the month forty calls on sick and shut-ins had been made. At the June meeting the executive was given power to act concerning sending girls to Church camp, as soon as complete information could be obtained. In September a Pot-Luck supper will open the work of the Fall season, at the home of Mrs. J. R. Coulter.

On June 17th a birthday picnic was held by the Ellen Douglas Auxiliary of Knox Church, Windsor. A feature of this picnic was the sending of $20.00 to the General Treasurer in response to an appeal in *The Glad Tidings* for help for Famine Relief among the Bhil people in India.

Hamilton Presbyterial—The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton and district are very mindful of laying a good foundation for future W.M.S. leadership as we read the report of the annual rally for the children. Nearly 200 members and friends of Mission Band and Explorer groups met in St. John's Church. Dr. Jessie Findlay, a returned missionary from Vellore, India, talked to the children and showed slides of medical missionary work there. Miss Geraldine Greer, who sailed from Canada in June as a missionary to Formosa, also had a brief message for the children.

At St. Cuthbert's Church, Hamilton, the annual June Tea Party of the Presbyterial turned out to be one of the most successful gatherings of this nature for some years.

Sectional meetings were held at **Kirkwall, Stoney Creek, Binbrook** and **Port Dover.** These were all well attended and the above mentioned two missionary speakers and the Rev. Deane Johnson were present.

Waterdown, Knox Church, is to be complimented on holding a Family Night which is an annual affair, at which they had members of four branches of the W.M.S. taking part. How splendid indeed if more of our churches could boast a ''Complete Missionary Family''.

London Presbyterial—Mrs. Wm. Weir, former deaconess at New St. James Church, **London,** is the first Hospital Visitor appointed by the W.M.S. Council Executive to work under the Presbytery of London.

London Presbyterial held annual district meetings in **Ilderton,** New St. James Church, **London, Mount Brydges.** Mrs. Wheaton of Port Stanley reported a C.G.I.T. group had been re-organized in their church, and also the Evening Auxiliary. Reports at all these meetings showed progress and the several speakers brought challenging messages for greater witness, service and prayer fellowship, and enlarged reader interest in *The Glad Tidings.*

In New St. James Church, London, the Goforth Auxiliary served dinner to the girls and their mothers at the annual mother and daughter C.G.I.T. banquet. Four skits on South America were presented by the girls and an affiliation service with the W.M.S. concluded the evening.

In the Hamilton Road Church, London, the Senior Auxiliary sponsored a Family Night and in welcoming the parents Mrs. Harry Fraser, President, spoke of the importance of all the age groups, and their part in service within the Church.

Wilkie Evening Auxiliary, Hamilton Road Church, London, held a birthday party and entertained the Home Helpers and members of the Senior Auxiliary at supper. They also planned the making of candy to be taken to the patients in Beck Memorial Sanatorium.

St. George's Auxiliary, London, honoured the Home Helpers of the church by having a luncheon meeting and relating the early history of this department in our missionary work.

New St. James, London, entertained the Explorers and their mothers at a banquet in May at which Rev. Richard Stewart, minister of the church, spoke of the great heritage such a group had in missionary work. The Explorers had a fine display table of work done by the girls this year.

Maitland Presbyterial — In Melville Church, **Brussels,** the Home Helpers held their 36th annual meeting. Mission Band rallies for the Presbyterial were held in **Teeswater** for the Eastern section and in **South Kinloss.** At South Kinloss members were present from Ashfield, Lucknow, Kincardine, Ripley, Kinlough and South Kinloss. At the eastern rally in Teeswater the following Bands were represented: Ethel, Langside, Whitechurch, Wingham and Teeswater. The guest speaker at both meetings was Mrs. Wm. Hydman, who told of the Girls' Auxiliary and Boys' Brigade work in Ireland.

Langside Auxiliary welcomed the summer Executive meeting of the Presbyterial in June, which Executive was well attended and keen interest was shown in the business discussions.

Gorrie Auxiliary heard Mrs. G. Mundell of Bluevale, a former President, speak at their June meeting. Her address was most helpful and friends enjoyed having her with them again.

The Afternoon Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Ripley**, honoured Mrs. Kenneth MacKay at its June meeting in recognition of her work in the Auxiliary. Splendid reports of the Presbyterial meeting held in Wingham were received.

Niagara Presbyterial — The W.M.S. sectional meeting for Districts 2 and 3 was held at Knox Church, Fort Erie, with an attendance of over 100 representing auxiliaries from Beamsville, Smithville, Merritton, Stamford, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Chippawa, Thorold and Fort Erie. All the District reports were enthusiastic and in the afternoon they had a very fine speaker, Rev. Laslo Borsay of the Hungarian Church in Delhi.

The annual summer basket picnic of Niagara Presbyterial was held at the old historic Stamford Church. The ladies were interested in the sunken gardens about the church.

All the missionary groups of the various churches were invited to the Thank-offering meeting of Knox and St. Andrew's Churches in **Fort Erie**, held earlier this season. Ninety attended and a film on South America was a feature of the programme.

Paris Presbyterial—At the May meeting of the Helen Young Auxiliary, **Paris**, an expression of affectionate tribute was paid Mrs. David Gowdy who was the first President of this auxiliary when it was formed in 1938. Dr. and Mrs. Gowdy are leaving to make their home in Galt where Dr. Gowdy has accepted a new pastorate. A gift was presented to Mrs. Gowdy who had so wisely guided and encouraged the auxiliary since it was formed.

In St. Paul's Church, **Simcoe**, the Mission Circle entertained members and friends of the W.M.S., the Young Crusaders Mission Band and their mothers at a Family Night, about eighty women and children enjoying a buffet supper after which Miss Olwen Davies, a teacher in Simcoe High School, spoke on New Amsterdam, British Guiana, where she formerly served four years as principal of the High School.

Robertson Auxiliary, **Norwich**, was happy to have three of its original members present in the persons of Mrs. Wm. Carlett, Mrs. John Atkins and Miss Martha Lees, when they marked their 40th Anniversary. The sending of quilts and bales has always been an important part of the work and throughout the years eighteen Life Memberships have been presented. The Auxiliary was organized in 1912 on the suggestion of Mrs. J. H. Barnett, wife of the minister and the first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Hugh McKee. Mrs. R. D. MacDonald of Tillsonburg was the guest speaker.

Alexandra Church Auxiliary and Ladies' Aid, **Brantford**, heard Miss Margaret Ramsay, missionary on furlough, tell of her work in British Guiana at their last meeting of the pre-holiday season.

The summer conference of Paris Presbyterial was held at St. Paul's Church, **Simcoe**, with the morning and afternoon sessions presided over by Mrs. G. Deane Johnston. Miss Margaret Ramsay was the special speaker and the discussion periods and reports presented were most interesting.

Sarnia Presbyterial — The newly organized Mission Band at **Brigden** entertained their parents and friends and during Easter week they presented an impressive Easter Cantata.

Cuthbertson and Pioneer Auxiliaries of **Wyoming** met to hear Mrs. Donald

McDonald of Tara tell of her work when she was a missionary in India.

Mooretown Auxiliary at their Thank-offering meeting had an honoured guest, Mrs. Medderfield of Regina, who is now past her four score years and was one of the charter members of Mooretown. They had a very fine programme and an enjoyable re-union.

Watford Auxiliary report an excellent attendance at their April and May meetings with their theme, ''Prayer Avails'', and their current event discussion, ''Japanese Women''.

A series of sectional meetings with well arranged programmes took place in June with Mrs. G. A. Dewar, Presbyterial President, addressing each group urging more personal effort toward the 1952 objective.

Section One met at **Centre Road** with Mrs. Young, wife of Rev. George M. Young of Forest, as guest speaker, who stated the true mission of all auxiliaries was to spread the Gospel and ever be mindful of working among the youth within our churches.

Section Two met at Knox Church, **Warwick,** with Mrs. D. McLaren of Highgate as guest speaker. Mrs. McLaren gave a fine address from the book of Esther.

Section Three met in Guthrie Church, **Alvinston,** with Mrs. G. A. Dewar bringing an address on the Psalms of David.

Section Four gathered in St. Andrew's Church, **Corunna,** and heard Mrs. R. Hayward, a missionary from China, tell of the problems of missionary work in Communist controlled countries.

Stratford Presbyterial—The theme of ''Consecrated Service'' ran through the session of the June conference of Stratford Auxiliaries held in Knox Church, **Stratford,** at the afternoon and evening sessions. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Missions Secretary, gave a forceful missionary challenge to a large afternoon audience and again in the evening they were pleased to have her address them. An impressive memorial service was conducted in memory of Mrs. W. E. Stauth, of Riverside, former Synodical President, and other departed members.

A joint June meeting of the three Senior Auxiliaries of Listowel, Britton and Wallace met in Knox Church, **Listowel,** and was presided over by Miss Isabel Jenkling, President of the Britton Auxiliary.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary, **Coldwater,** held their first Thank-offering meeting in June with Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, formerly of Coldwater now a W.M.S. Hospital Visitor in Montreal, as guest speaker. Mrs. Leatherdale told of the Church's missionary endeavour in Montreal, where there is a Chinese Mission—a new and up-to-date building built two years ago. The speaker also spoke of Tyndale House. Mrs. Leatherdale told how the Port Worker meets the boats when they dock and gives assistance to all who need it. The Hospital Visitor also has a very important and beneficial work to do in visiting and ministering to the sick in the hospitals, of which there are many different races. The President, Mrs. Harvie, introduced the speaker and presided during the meeting. Visitors were present from Orillia, Victoria Harbour, St. Matthias Anglican Church, and The United Church, Coldwater.

In May **Hillsdale** Auxiliary celebrated their Golden Anniversary. The lovely church was decorated with flowers and was well filled with members of the congregation and visitors from surrounding congregations. Mrs. E. J. McClung, the President, was in the chair and the service of worship was taken by Mrs. Russell Turner and Mrs. Ganton. Mrs. W. A. Henderson, a former minister's wife, and Mrs. G. Cotton of Penetanguishene, added much with well-chosen solos. Mrs. Wm. McEachern, President of Barrie Presbyterial, was the guest speaker.

The Presbyterial Young People's Rally was held in the lecture hall of St. Andrew's Church, Orillia. Over forty young women from Collingwood, Coldwater and Orillia were present. Mrs. Badger of Orillia, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, opened the meeting with prayer. She then reminded all present of the three essentials if our Young Women's groups work toward the goal of the W.M.S.: earnest prayer, thoughtful study and sacrificial giving. We must share in this great work of winning ''The World for Christ''. The highlight of the evening was an interview between Miss Grace Irvine and Miss Margaret MacKenzie. Miss Irvine interviewed Miss MacKenzie on her work at Tyndale House, Montreal. Miss MacKenzie answered many questions concerning her mission to Formosa. These two young women convinced all present of the great need for workers, and how necessary it is that we uphold our missionaries with our prayers. Then, too, we saw in these young women the joy and satisfaction that comes to lives dedicated to the service of our Master.

Algoma Presbyterial — Westminster Auxiliary, **Sault Ste. Marie,** held their Home Helpers meeting, when they were glad to report an increase in givings over last year. Mrs. George Grant, Presbyterial President, gave an interesting report of the Synodical meeting held in Lindsay. She also gave the report at the Grace Stone Auxiliary, Westminster Church.

Kingston Presbyterial—May 7th was a gala day in the annals of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Gananoque,** when they celebrated their 75th anniversary with a tea. Tribute was paid to Mrs. Bain who has served in various offices within the W.M.S. since 1903 and who is now an Honorary Member. Guests were welcomed by Mrs. Horne, President.

''Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that He send forth workers into his vineyard; then do all you can to answer your own prayer,'' was the motto given by Mrs. C. A. Smart, President of Kingston Presbyterial, in her opening address at the summer rally held in St. Andrew's Church, **Trenton,** where Rev. R. C. MacLean welcomed the delegates. The devotions were taken by Mrs. C. C. Glenn, Amherst Island. In her address she said that the work of the W.M.S. could be considered in three aspects. First, it should be a great league of prayer; second, the members should look on financial allocations and givings as an act of worship as well as an obligation and third, leaders must be sought who will regard their work as a call from God to serve Him.

Mrs. Smart led an In Memoriam service for the late Mrs. M. W. Heslip, Madoc, who was the first Vice-President of the Presbyterial and a former President of Barrie Presbyterial.

An instructive interview was presented, in which Miss Grace Irvine took the part of a W.M.S. worker and Mrs. H. Keefer played a worldly visitor who did not like Church work. Miss Irvine, with her vast knowledge of the work in various fields, was able to convince her worldly caller that work with C.G.I.T. groups, in Mission Bands and W.M.S. is worthwhile.

Madoc—We are sorry to report the passing of our much loved member and friend, Mrs. M. W. Heslip, wife of Rev. M. W. Heslip, St. Peter's Church, Madoc. Mrs. Heslip was loved and esteemed by all. Our loss here is extremely great and will be felt throughout the Presbyterial. Her devotion and untiring efforts for her Church can scarcely be equalled and never surpassed. The Banner Mission Band and the newly formed C.G.I.T. group are living monuments of her endeavours in Madoc. Her ardent enthusiasm was responsible for her holding the office of Vice-President of the Presbyterial and also being a past President of Barrie Presbyterial.

Lindsay Presbyterial — A well attended meeting of the Presbyterial was held at **Kirkfield** in June. This meeting marked the 70th anniversary of the Presbyterial. Mrs. Joseph Cathcart, President, presided. Mrs. J. O. McInnis, Kirkfield, extended a gracious welcome and the Mission Band sang. Mrs. Cathcart introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. H. Wilson, Beaverton, who gave a very challenging message about India. Mrs. Wilson made an appeal for the famine fund of India, which was generously responded to by all present.

A very successful Mission Band Rally was held recently at **Glenarm.** Mrs. Cathcart stressed the need for reading *The Glad Tidings* to keep informed of the needs of others.

North Bay Presbyterial—An interesting special meeting of the St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Parry Sound,** was held with Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, as the speaker. Guests of the Auxiliary were the Mission Band and Home Helpers. Miss Macarthur gave an object talk for the children illustrated with figures dressed in costumes of foreign lands. Later Miss Macarthur described for the women various projects carried on by the W.M.S. in Canada. These include Vacation Bible Schools in areas where there are no churches, hospital visitation in large cities; port work among the newcomers to Canada; work with the Chinese newcomers in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto; the work of the deaconesses who go out in vans to visit areas where there are no churches; and the Indian Schools. Miss Macarthur's message brought to the minds of those present a much clearer picture of the needs for home mission work in Canada.

Orangeville Presbyterial—A successful rally was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Maple Valley** in May. The President, Mrs. R. D. Fraser of Dundalk, opened the meeting with words of welcome. Mrs. Alex. McMillan, Dundalk, delegate to the Toronto and Kingston Synodical meeting held in Lindsay, commented on the challenging messages which were heard. The main speakers were Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary; Mrs. J. G. Inkster, Vice-President on Council Executive; Miss Ellen Anderson, who has served in British Guiana; and Dr. W. A. Cameron, Overseas Secretary of the General Board of Missions, who this spring visited Formosa and Japan. All speakers pleaded for increased missionary effort. Rev. A. E. Bailey of Dundalk brought greetings from Presbytery. Mrs. Martin of Caledon East introduced the speaker, Rev. G. J. Gendron, who is now serving Caledon East, Miss Ellen Anderson of

British Guiana addressed the afternoon session. She told her hearers that anyone visiting that country and realizing the great spiritual need and opportunity would have to say for himself, ''Woe is me if I preach not the gospel''. A service of remembrance was conducted by Miss Bessie McQuarrie, Caledon East.

Temiskaming Presbyterial — The annual rally of the Presbyterial was held at **Cochrane** in May with afternoon and evening sessions. Much enthusiasm was manifest at these meetings. Delegates were present from Kirkland Lake, New Liskeard, Englehart and Timmins. The President, Mrs. F. Somers presided and reports were encouraging and interesting. The guest speaker was Mrs. A. S. Curr, Toronto, who gave an inspiring address taking for her theme ''Lift up thine eyes and look on the fields''.

Toronto West Presbyterial — During the Fall and Winter season, this Presbyterial has held a number of informal conferences in order to bring together the Secretaries of our different departments and organizations. Included in these conferences were: Glad Tidings, Welcome and Welfare, Children's and Girls' Secretaries, also Presidents of our Evening and Young Women's Departments. It is felt that these conferences have given stimulus to our whole work, enable our Secretaries to gain knowledge of the problems of the Presbyterial Secretaries and of their work.

The conference held for the Presidents of Senior Auxiliaries and attended by many from the Rural Districts was of special interest.

There was a short devotional period at each conference followed by a talk pertaining to the work of each department or organization represented. This was followed by a discussion period under the guidance of Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary, who attended and spoke at all conferences. In closing her talk to the Senior Presidents, Miss Walker presented to them these pertinent questions:

''Have you kept your aim in view to win the world for Christ and unite the women of the Church in service?''

''Do we maintain our work from habit?''

''Is spirituality dominant in our Auxiliary?''

''Is our Department an asset in the life of the whole Society?''

''Do we face our responsibility as Church members? We must be effective members in our congregation! We must be conscious of the task that lies at our door!''

On Wednesday, June 11th, 1892, a W.M.S. Auxiliary was organized at **Strange** by the late Mrs. W. B. McMurrich; and on Wednesday, June 11, 1952, the church was filled with many friends from neighbouring Auxiliaries to celebrate the 60th anniversary. It was an occasion of many memories and happy fellowship. Present at the meeting were four Charter Members, who were given a place of honour. A message of greeting was given by Miss Bessie MacMurchy, International Secretary on Council Executive, who was present at the organization meeting. She told how she and Mrs. McMurrich were met at the station by the minister, Dr. Carmichael, with a pony and phaeton and in her own way brought past scenes to the memory of all present.

The Presbyterial President, Mrs. A. S. Curr, was guest speaker and she commended them for past work done and gave encouragement for the future.

A short history of the Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Finch.

The June meeting of Victoria Senior Auxiliary, **Toronto**, was inspiring. The President, Mrs. R. A. Sewell, spoke about the people who are starving in India. A member asked that an offering plate be circulated. God blessed the thought. The women of the meeting rose to the occasion, and when all was gathered in the plate held seventy dollars. Many of the ladies had read the article in *The Glad Tidings*.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Mountain**, held a special Easter Thank-offering meeting at the home of Mrs. Harold Clark, with the United Church ladies as their guests. Mrs. Harold Graham was in charge of the service of worship and gave a meditation on the ''Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross''. The guest speaker was Mrs. R. J. Miller of Iroquois.

At a meeting of the Individual Responsibility Auxiliary of First Church, Brockville, the President, Miss Mary Campbell, presented the fourth chapter of the study book *Meet The South Americans,* which dealt with Student work and Christian Literature in South America. Mrs. T. R. Gates gave a report on the Synodical meeting held at Ottawa, which proved most interesting and informative. At the June meeting of this Auxiliary the fifth chapter of the study entitled ''British Guiana, the Country and the People'', was presented by the Misses M. Lorimer and P. McLean.

The annual meeting of Section Two of the Presbyterial was held in **Dixon's Corners** in June. Members from Cardinal, Dixon's Corners, Iroquois, Mainsville and Ventnor were present. The President, Mrs. J. R. Miller of Iroquois, presided. Words of welcome were extended to all by Mrs. MacLellan, Mrs. Fitzsimons of Cardinal replied. The auxiliary reports offered an interesting exchange of ideas to benefit each auxiliary. Mrs. J. Riddell of Pittston, gave an inspirational address, stressing originality in Society work, doing it ''our own way'', making use of whatever we have, and by prayer and Bible study, increasing our effectiveness. Mrs. E. Larsen, Presbyterial President, gave a splendid report of the Synodical meeting held in April and answered a number of questions during the discussion which followed. The election of officers for 1953 was conducted by Mrs. Fitzsimons of Cardinal.

Pittston Auxiliary held its monthly meeting at the Manse in Cardinal. The ladies of Cardinal Auxiliary and the Sunshine Class were present, with the Sunshine Class presenting the programme. Mrs. Fitzsimons presided and gave an interesting talk on ''Our Purpose In Life''.

St. Paul's Auxiliary, **Winchester,** entertained members of Crysler, Chesterville, Finch, Dunbar and Winchester Springs at their annual June meeting held in the church. The President, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, presided and extended a warm welcome to the guests. The guest speaker was Mrs. Wm. Reid, who gave an instructive and interesting talk on ''Love and Christian Fellowship''.

The Individual Responsibility Auxiliary of First Church, **Brockville**, held its Thank-offering meeting in April. Miss Bertha Rowe introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood, of Winchester, Evening Department Secretary of the Presbyterial. In keeping with the Easter season Mrs. Ledgerwood spoke on ''The Cross'', pointing out that one great meaning of the cross was love. She also stressed the part that missionary societies must play in the world to-day and stated that more and more responsibility rested on each individual member, and that everyone should use her talents, no matter how small.

The Goforth Evening Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Kemptville, met at the home of the president, Mrs. T. Whates in May. The chapter from the study book, ''Captain Allan Gardiner'' missionary in Tierre del Fuego, was reviewed in an interesting manner by Mrs. M. N. McDonald. Mrs. D. Morrison gave the highlights of the Synodical annual meeting.

Glengarry Presbyterial—Mrs. G. S. Lloyd, President of the Presbyterial, presided at the sessions of the annual rally, held in Knox Church, **Moose Creek.** This rally was a follow-up of the annual meeting in January, and the many helpful discussions on the different phases of missionary work and the special messages from Miss Louise Reith, Literature Secretary, Toronto, and Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, presented to the meeting, are incentives for greater efforts and a better understanding for future plans. Rev. J. C. McLean-Bell of Maxville, was the guest speaker for the evening session.

Mrs. W. E. Knox, Presbyterial Young Women's Secretary, was the guest speaker at **Picnic Grove** Young Women's Auxiliary meeting held at the home of Mrs. J. C. McPherson. Members of Glen Gordon Auxiliary were guests. Mrs. Knox based her remarks on the life of Ruth and the necessity of a whole-hearted Christian life. She also stressed the great need for prayers for our missionaries. Miss Hilda Snider presided.

Mrs. A. J. McEwen of Maxville, Vice-President of Section Four, was guest speaker at the June meeting of **Gravel Hill and Monkland** Auxiliaries held at the home of Mrs. R. A. Robinson. Mrs. McEwen gave a full report of the rally held at Moose Creek in May.

Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial—The spring Executive meeting of the Presbyterial convened on May 6th in St. Andrew's Church, **Carleton Place.** The President, Mrs. H. Barker of Smiths Falls, presided. A cordial welcome was extended to the delegates by Dr. Shein of St. Andrew's Church. The main business was making arrangements for the Sectional meetings to be held on May 28th, 29th, and 30th at Cobden, Stewartville and Elphin respectively. The special speaker at these meetings will be Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, W.M.S. Hospital Visitor in Montreal.

Several members were assigned to give short reports of the various sessions of the Synodical meeting which was held in Ottawa, at the Sectional meetings. Plans were also made for the annual Mission Band rally in Smiths Falls on June 7th. The Treasurer, Mrs. Culhane, reported an increase in givings over this time last year.

The annual sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Stewartville** Church in May. The programme was based on the theme ''Trust''. Representatives were present from Arnprior, Dewars, Lochwinnoch, Renfrew, Stewartville and White Lake. Mrs. H. Cochrane of Arnprior presided. Mrs. H. Barker, Presbyterial President, addressed the meeting reminding the members that missionary work is uphill work and often we get discouraged, but sometimes our efforts are rewarded where we least expect it. She touched on many points of interest to the auxiliaries, such as increasing our membership and *Glad Tidings* subscriptions where possible, and keeping a supply of good literature for children and adults. Rev. T. W. Brett of Lochwinnoch gave a message on ''Trust''. The guest speaker was Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, W.M.S. Hospital Visitor in Montreal, who gave a very fine address on her work, which brings her in contact with many other denominations as well as Presbyterians. She said, ''Pain is the common lot of us all—there are no denominations when it comes to illness, and each one is the object of God's affection and care.''

The Presbyterial Mission Band rally was held in **Smiths Falls** in June with Mrs. Leonard Lindsay of Lochwinnoch, Presbyterial Children's Secretary presiding. Material for bales which was on display brought much favourable comment. Rev. Walter Allum of Renfrew was the guest speaker. He gave a fascinating talk in story form on how and where we can become missionaries, and of the great need for their work. A fine programme was given by members of each Band present. Mrs. H. Barker congratulated the members and leaders of Renfrew, Lochwinnoch, Elphin, Carleton Place, Perth and Smiths Falls Mission Bands on the splendid work they are doing.

The Easter Thank-offering meeting of the Evening Auxiliary and the Mary Nichol Young Women's Auxiliary of Westminster Church, Smiths Falls, was held as a supper meeting. The President, Mrs. H. F. Masson, presided and welcomed the guests from Perth and McDonald's Corners.

Montreal Presbyterial—The Spring Rally of Missions Bands and Explorer groups of the Presbyterial was held in May in Knox Crescent and Kensington Church, **Montreal.** Rev. C. J. MacKay, minister of the church welcomed the visitors. An interesting programme was given by the Bands and groups present. Mrs. James Dunn gave a talk on British Guiana illustrated by slides. Greetings were brought by Mrs. J. Kelman, President of Edmonton Presbyterial. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, presented the Banners to the various Bands. There was an attendance of 140. Mrs. Walter Wilson of Fairmount Taylor Church is the new Children's Department Secretary for the city and Mrs. Wallace Craig of Riverfield, the Children's Department Secretary for the out-of-town groups.

Under the capable leadership of Mrs. J. W. Dougherty, Knox Crescent and Kensington Auxiliary held its annual Life Membership Day on Wednesday June 11th, with a large attendance of members and friends. The President, Mrs. W. R. Henry, introduced Mrs. W. E. Baker, Synodical President, and Mrs. Norman Smith, Vice-President of the Presbyterial, who brought greetings from their respective Boards.

Mrs. Dougherty then took charge of the meeting and asked Miss Dorothy Coles, President of Montreal Presbyterial, to present three Honorary Memberships, six Life Memberships, to the members being honoured, also two In Memoriams were presented to relatives of deceased members. After presenting the certificates Miss Coles spoke briefly to the members and then introduced Miss Constance Jayawardena of Ceylon to the meeting and spoke to the Auxiliary about her work for the women of the Island of Ceylon.

Montreal Presbyterial—An open inspirational meeting of the Presbyterial was held in May in Melville Church, Westmount, at which Miss Dorothy Coles, Presbyterial President, presided. Mrs. W. E. Baker, President of Montreal and Ottawa Synodical Society, brought greetings and gave highlights of the Synodical meeting. The worship service was conducted by Mrs. R. D. McLean of Huntingdon, Que.

Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, was guest speaker and gave a very inspiring and informative address which was especially interesting owing to her recent visit to Formosa. Miss Pelton was also the guest speaker at the annual Spring rally of the Evening Department which was held the same evening in Melville Church, Westmount. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Evening Department Secretary, presided.

Ottawa Presbyterial — Gloucester Auxiliary held its Thank-offering meeting in April. Mrs. David Henderson presided and the service of worship was conducted by Mr. Miller, a student minister, who told of the comfort and help Psalm 91 had been to a soldier in need of help. Dr. Wallace Troup of Knox Church, Ottawa, showed coloured pictures taken by himself on a visit to his boyhood home, church and school in Scotland.

Ottawa Presbyterial — A sectional meeting was held at **Gloucester** Church on June 17th with representatives from Manotick, Vernon, Richmond, Kars and Gloucester. Mrs. G. Scott Murray, President of the Presbyterial, presided, and brought the message ''My Gospel''.

The annual Home Helpers meeting and tea of St. Giles Auxiliary, **Ottawa,** was held at the manse on May 20th with a large attendance of members and friends. The President, Mrs. N. T. Allan presided and welcomed all present. The Library Secretary, Mrs. T. Dagg reported over 200 magazines and books had been sent to hospitals, lumber camps and the Armed Services in various centres. A paper on ''The Challenge of Missions To-day'' was given by Miss Janet Riley.

Quebec Presbyterial — The 38th annual meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Asbestos,** in May. The President, Mrs. Philip Boy was in the chair and conducted the meeting. Reports of Departmental secretaries, Financial report and the report of the Synodical Meeting were read and discussed. Mrs. W. E. Baker, Westmount, brought greetings from the Synodical and gave a very interesting address.

Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, visited Quebec Presbyterial and spoke at largely attended children's gatherings in Scotstown, Milan, Sherbrooke, and Val d'Or.

The Young Women's Associate Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Sherbrooke,** held their Thank-offering meeting at the manse when other women's groups of the church were their guests. Miss Lily Macarthur was the speaker, telling of children's work, and illustrating teaching methods by means of visual aids.

The Mission Band of St. Andrew's Church, Sherbrooke, celebrated their first birthday at a meeting in April.

The Rotha Reid Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Quebec City, held a Thank-offering meeting in April, which three other church groups attended. Rev. Wilfred Butcher conducted the devotions and Miss Abernathy, Superintendent of the Y.W.C.A. was guest speaker.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

June and July, 1952

RECEIPTS:	
Interest	$ 450.00
Legacies used for Christian Literature	3,400.00
A Friend	50.00
A Friend, Christian Literature	100.00
Ladies' Aid, Chippawa Presbyterian Church, "for Miss MacKenzie's expenses"	25.00
St. Andrew's Sunday School, Windsor, Ontario, "Education of Girl on Bhil Field"	65.00
Received from Miss Joan Rochemont	10.00
Refund from United Nations	10.00
Miss Jessie Kinloch, Montreal, "Work in Formosa"	10.00
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	13,973.97
Cecilia Jeffrey School, Government Grant	200.00
Missionaries' Salaries held in Canada on request	537.52
Hospital and Medical rates received from Workers	110.15
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	1,450.00
British Columbia, Supplies	181.00
Alberta	750.00
Alberta, Supplies	62.50
Saskatchewan	635.18
Saskatchewan, Supplies	65.13
Manitoba	1,454.00
Manitoba, Supplies	206.00
Toronto and Kingston	12,460.07
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	1,717.20
Montreal and Ottawa	7,800.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	980.82
Hamilton and London	10,098.25
Hamilton and London, Supplies	2,433.75
	$59,235.54

DISBURSEMENTS:	
National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$4,693.30
Hospital Visitors	1,450.53
Deaconesses	470.00
Student Deaconesses	880.00
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	1,957.16
Port Work	506.73
Van Expenses	2,730.89
National Contingency	81.85
National Advance	1,236.78
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	166.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	8,909.28
Birtle	50.00
Birtle, Government Grant	8,878.91
Medicine Hat Training School.	29.65
Overseas Missions:	
India: Bhil Field	6,124.70
Jhansi Field	4,500.00
Vellore	420.00
Taiwan	3,151.66
British Guiana	554.64
Training of Nationals	665.05
Koreans in Japan	325.00
New Missionaries	2,954.34
Missionaries' Expenses	1,304.35
Overseas Contingency	195.47
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Editorial

ORGANIZATION is a word which has been sounding through our Society with particular emphasis this past year. At our annual meeting a year ago in Regina, a membership objective for 1952 was adopted as the theme. Now this month, a year later, we welcome to our staff a Director of Organization. These facts make us consider carefully the place of organization.

At the last General Assembly Dr. Norman Kennedy stated in his farewell sermon as Moderator, that ours would be a better Church if we gave less thought to organization and more time to prayer. That brings us to the thought that we must not consider our various organizations as ends in themselves. In our desire to increase the number of groups we must pray that new groups will be able to call more people to the work of spreading the Christian Gospel both at home and abroad.

Our organizations are only worthwhile if they are met to hear the Word of God and to act on that word. Each Auxiliary whether it be Senior, Evening, Young Women's, Girls' groups or Children's must seek to interpret, the missionary call, to the members. This interpretation, if successful, results in the members adding their material and spiritual resources to the whole work of missions. To belong to one of our mission organizations to-day means we set aside personal desires in order, by working together to attain something for others and for the Master. Yet in so doing we are achieving for ourselves a heavenly vision whose glory cannot be described, whose effect upon us is peace. To attain the highest for our organizations, to give the best to them, we need the prayer of which Dr. Kennedy spoke.

As always we look to Scripture for guidance in our thinking and both in the Old and New Testaments we find examples of Divine organization for our guidance today. The whole history of the children of Israel teaches us that progress, both materially and spiritually, is made when God can speak through His servants to people organized to hear. When the tribes of Israel were organized according to God's plan, things went well, enemies were defeated, the people were fed. When each tribe went its own way, when they were disorganized, there was chaos and disaster.

Again the story of feeding the five thousand is an example of the way Jesus organized a large number of people to receive food. The crowd having been divided into groups at the command of Jesus, the loaves and fishes could be easily passed and fairly distributed.

Do not condemn organization but use it as a means to an end making sure that it is founded on self-sacrifice, study and prayer.

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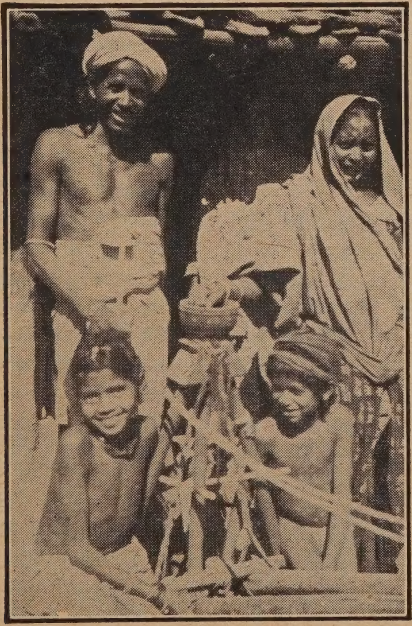
"Thank God Our Time Is NOW"

BY RUTH C. BUCHANAN

I DON'T want to tell you of the horrors of famine—the tragic little families and broken bits of families at my door morning, noon and night. But I do want to thank you with all my heart for the way in which you have come to our help in the Bhil country with your prayers and your money.

Especially your prayers: For I just don't know what it was that changed things here unless it was that you were praying—and praying—for us. When we wrote in May we were in despair. Government had brought in grain and opened Ration shops even back in the hills and jungles—a wonderful feat. But many of the people had no money and nothing to sell. They were already cleaned out. It was a phoney famine, but famine for all that. The Government grain shops were well stocked and the poor subsisting on weeds and roots! Then suddenly came the wonderful



Bhil family with implements for sowing. "God's love and bounty reached us through prayer . . . ."

news that Relief work was to be opened immediately, and in our own Amkhut area. It did open immediately too; was well organized and the people were paid liberally. For ten blessed weeks in May, June and July thousands of people from our own villages found employment on the road work. Rupees 30,000 were paid out into the little homes all through the hills and brought food and strength for ploughing and sowing when the rains came in June. To us it seemed very, very wonderful, for we had given up hope of relief work so late in the season. That it came when all seemed lost and famine "came up to face us everywhere" seemed to us God's love and bounty reaching us through prayer—you there and we here "Thanking God our Time is NOW" and praying and working together so far apart.

We have felt your presence and the "Angel of His Presence" with us often and often—there are still four weeks or so till the new crops begin to come in (God of His mercy give us rain!). Road work has closed and this month is the worst of all so far. But now we have your precious money. I wish you could have seen Miss Williamson's pitiful, happy throngs on her (your!) road work yesterday, and my (your!) detachments in Sardi from the hard-hit dacoit villages in my area. "They've sent you this money", I said, "those Canadian women, to tell you that God does care and that for Jesus' sake we care, too". Many of those men have hard, cruel faces and now they are gaunt and drawn with hunger. But Christ's Hand touched them and the Evil Spirit fled like a dark shadow. I wondered to see their faces change and lighten. Never did help come more straight from Heaven, nor better reach hearts beyond human reach. It meant food for their children you see, and they opened their hearts to Love because they love their children.

So far, too, we have been spared the horror of epidemics. Last month when we had wild monsoon gales and a deluge of rain for days on end, I thought, "Now for cholera". But, though the winds blew and the floods descended, our folk stood up to it all. There was no epidemic. We have felt ourselves so surely "about our Father's business"—you there, we here—praying, loving, helping, weeping sometimes and laughing sometimes, that there hasn't been room for any other thought or feeling.

P.S.—Miss Williamson is taking care of villages in the West, Miss Kennedy has been in her villages over East and in the Balkar area, Miss Scott holds the fort up North. There is no one in all our South Alirajpur country. I'm leaving "my" villages for a week to go into the Western Hills.—R.C.B.

Report On Famine Relief In India

BY MARION E. WILLIAMSON

I DO not know how we could have carried on here if we had not been able to help the people at this time. But the response of the women has been beyond our fondest hopes.

Our programme has been to give a regular ration of grain to all Christian farmers and help all others as far as we can. We have had people working on the road. We thought we had figured out a rate for small stones that would be fair, and by giving work on 'contract' we would not have to supervise the workers, as they would be on their own, and we would get some value for money spent. The response was beyond our wildest hopes. We could take a contract for all State roads and do them quickly at the present rate. What gave us the idea of doing that job was our sitting down in the mud one day. It took us an hour to get the car extricated, and we had to fill some holes with stones to get free. We haven't had an experience like that for many years, but the heavy rain in a place where there was not proper drainage, just made a good muddy trap.

We have bought grass and wood and anything that we could make use of. The wood and grass come in head loads and it means a great deal of work writing it down and counting out a few annas or giving a bit of grain in payment. Miss Buchanan said one day, "We must stay well". But we depend a great deal on our standbys, Bhimsingh and Stephan, John Master, and others, to sort out the most needy. It is not a question of degree.

I never knew that so many old, crippled, and forlorn people existed. In normal times they get a portion of whatever there is in the house, but in times like this there is nothing for those who cannot earn their own food.

I have asked the other ladies to write to you about their programmes of relief. I know Miss Kennedy is busy and Miss Scott is also, so if you do not get any letters you can be sure it is because everybody is on the hop. Miss Nichol is supervising the kitchen started by the doctor at the hospital. They have been feeding an average of thirty people every day. One good thing the rush stops at sundown. I expect about two hundred people have been at this house to-day, but we can count on quiet once evening comes.

We can then count on catching up on the things that we did not get done during the day, such as writing letters, but the evening is short. We do not get our dinner over before eight or later, according to the demands on Bhimsingh's time for other duties, and the time set for lights out is ten p.m. and that seems to catch up on us very suddenly.

The rain was very heavy once it came and for a while we thought everything would be drowned out, but there has been little rain now since the 7th of the month and we need more to fill out the corn. Crops right around us are promising, but you can never count on the crop here until it is gathered in—there are too many enemies.

Over Banswara way they had torrential rain and at one place on the Dohad road the water was seventeen feet above the road. When you see the empty river beds between seasons it seems an impossibility, but we seem to get nothing in moderation. Dohad had ten inches of rain in twenty-four hours and all the corn crop was destroyed in that area.

We have had a promise of some wheat from Church World Service and have been looking every day to get something tangible such as a shipping receipt. However, that has not yet appeared. I am so thankful that we were able to get in some corn before the rain set in. The money arrived just in time to do that, in fact we got our last truck about one day before rain stopped traffic.

So altogether we are most grateful and thank God that we have been able to help; that we have been spared from sickness or epidemics of any kind. We had one death reported from cholera in our midst and people got excited, but there was no more. Truly we can say, "Hitherto has the Lord helped us." We praise and thank Him and all His dear ones who have been so generous.

Above communications from Miss Buchanan and Miss Williamson indicate that contributions so generously made in response to our appeal for famine relief have met the present emergency. Therefore, we are closing the Famine Relief Fund for the time being.

We would ask for the continued prayers of our members for our missionaries on the Bhil Field and those whom they serve.

(*Mrs. G. R.*) *Ruth E. Pye,*
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Jobat Hospital ". . . . feeding an average of thirty every day."

This Month In The Indian Schools

IT HAS been some time since we have shared the activities at the Indian Schools. With autumn coming on, we were thinking back to a year ago when, after the annual meeting in Regina, we were privileged to visit the Indian Schools with Miss Matthews.

It was Thanksgiving time then. On Saturday we were at Birtle. The school buzzed with activity. Housecleaning, preserving, harvesting, extracting honey, killing fowl and hogs, for the festive week-end and for storage for the long winter months ahead occupied the daylight hours of everyone. The working hours were followed by a party — fun and games for all. There was a feeling of security about the school. It was not just that food was being gathered in and there was evidence that winter months were well provided for—but—well look at the smiling faces in these pictures. They tell the story of a security in greater than material things. The young people at Birtle know that the staff does everything in its power to provide them with the best things in life. Maybe they do not always give them the things they want, but they give them the things they need—both materially and spiritually.

Now that October is here again, we can easily imagine the young people at Birtle at work, at play, at worship.

Miss Haacke

There will be one person very much missed at the school this fall. Miss Anna Jean Haacke was for four years the Junior teacher. This summer while working at a summer camp she was killed by lightning. Our memory of her was of a happy young woman, earnest in her endeavours to fulfil her calling to teach Indian children. Remembrance of her service to her fellowmen and to her Lord will serve as a strong support and guide to those who knew her.

Rev. E. H. Lockhart, the Principal of Birtle Indian Residential School from 1933 to January 1942, passed away at Moosomin in the early summer of this year. He

Preparing for the festive week-end.

served the school during an important time in its history and his efforts helped to achieve the prominence it now has. He will be remembered with affection and respect.

Cecilia Jeffrey

We visited Cecilia Jeffrey last year too. During a dull misty afternoon we walked over the land which belongs to the school. The charred ruins of the barn stood as a blot on the landscape. The Kenora country is different country to the wide open spaces of central Manitoba. The Indians there live more by hunting and fishing than by cultivation of crops. Lakes and woods are within the sight of the eye almost everywhere. It is picturesque and rugged and barren. Life is not easy in this country for our Indian brethren. They look to the white man, to his Church, and to His God for help.

Cecilia Jeffrey School has meant much to the young people who have been taught there. From time to time have come indications of the way we have been able to serve through the school. But it has its troubles — just as Birtle had troubles. The fact that the Birtle School has overcome the trials that once beset it, the fact that it is an important educational institution for Indian children, make us realize that Cecilia Jeffrey will one day be in the same category if only we who support it do not lose faith or courage.

Personal problems have beset Cecilia Jeffrey for several years. There is still need for strong leadership, a principal and matron who can devote great talents of heart and mind and faith to the Indian people. Last spring when we met at our Annual Meeting, we felt that problem was solved. Mrs. McMurrich in her Candidates report brought to the meeting the application of a man who was known throughout the Church as a Christian teacher. His applicawas warmly received and wholeheartedly accepted. But another call of service came to him and he

Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School ". . . . has meant much to young people who have been taught there."

asked to be released to answer it. Right now, in the second month of the school year, the school is without a principal and assistant. If it were not that Reverend Eldon and Mrs. Andrews were willing to postpone their plans to give emergency help, the situation would be very serious.

Help Wanted

We urge you, the members of our Society, to help in the finding of the staff members needed for Cecilia Jeffrey School, Kenora. Put this article into the hands of anyone you may know who would be interested in applying for:

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2. *A Nurse*—A qualified nurse is also required for Cecilia Jeffrey School.

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A Dream Realized

BY DR. G. GUSHUE-TAYLOR

Dr. Gushue-Taylor was for many years on the staff of the Canadian Presbyterian Mission in Formosa. From the time he took charge of Mackay Memorial Hospital, he was interested in the welfare of lepers and sought to help them. He was instrumental in having Happy Mount Leprosy colony established. Our Society gave the chapel there. Now, though retired from active service he is still working for the lepers in Formosa as this story indicates.

One thousand dollars has been sent from the funds of our Society to help build the church at the Government Leprosarium.

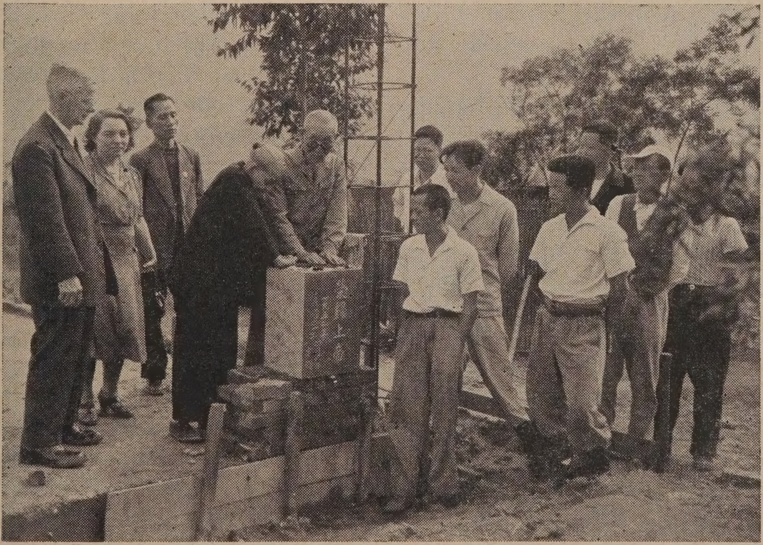
AFTER an absence from Formosa of over eleven years, by the grace of God and the financial help of two of His devoted servants, I was back in our old home in Taipei, the guests of our old friends Dr. Hugh and Mrs. MacMillan. At 7.30 a.m. on the 21st, standing in the front hall of the home of Rev. James and Mrs. Dickson, the three of us discussed the problem of building the long postponed church in the Government Leprosarium near Taipei. The need was urgent, we were immediately assured of 25% of the cost of the building, we had faith in God that He would open the hearts and purses of His people to complete what we felt led in faith to begin, so there standing we prayed for His blessing on the venture.

The same afternoon Mrs. Dickson accompanied me to the Leprosarium where we met many of our old patients, some of whom were there when we turned a sod for the church in 1939 only to be stalled by an anti-Christian Japanese, delayed but not defeated. The patients conducted us to the original site, they were keen to have a church home; we had a brief prayer meeting in the open air asking God's blessing on the project, and a promise to do all they could to forward it.

Subsequent events can only be hinted at, a building committee of Chinese and missionaries, plans by an architect, more meetings, delays, calling on officials to obtain permits to build, more delays till March 21st verbal permission was obtained to build—a hurried building committee meeting that afternoon, a hurried visit to the Leprosarium to obtain the superintendent's permission to start building next day, then on the 22nd a religious ceremony on the site where the sod was turned and the workmen started levelling the ground, and the building race was on.

Then we came up against a cement embargo, overcome only by three visits to the chairman of the cement corporation of Taiwan, at which we had to BEG for cement (to be paid for in cash), and which he kindly let us have. Finally April 8th in the morning was held the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, conducted by Rev. K. T. Tan, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan, in the presence of fifty-two patients and fifty-nine visiting Christians, Chinese and foreigners. The writer was given the honour of laying the first stone, and at his suggestion a second stone was laid by two of the oldest Christian patients present, an old lady of 73 and a man of 74. The lady had not one finger on either hand, just the stump of one thumb, but her face and heart were happy as I placed cement mortar on her outstretched palm with which she smeared the stone. On the stone are engraved in Chinese characters "To the Glory of God" and the date.

The service was simple, reverent, and consisted of the singing of hymns, prayers and the reading of Scripture with a few remarks appropriate for the occasion. One could not but be conscious of the fact that in a few months that place would be enclosed by walls, roof and windows, and a hundred and more patients some, of the most sorely stricken of God's children, would be there gathered singing the songs of Zion with hearts full of thankfulness for the great mercy of a loving Heavenly Father



Laying the foundation of the Church of the Government Leprosarium.
" . . . . a dream they could scarcely believe."

in giving to them a church home of their very own. They no longer to be subject to reproach for not having a church in which to worship their God, while the Buddhists had their temple and others had an auditorium in which to have plays, etc. Mrs. Dickson writes June 14th "The roof is on the church—it is really a beautiful building, and our poor humble friends the lepers look upon it as if it were a dream that they could scarcely believe."

Thanks to the generosity of God's people in Formosa, Canada, England and the United States, and without having to receive anything from the Mission To Lepers, who have most heavy commitments all over the world, there are funds in hand to complete the building which will be opened free of debt and full of rejoicing and praise.

This is not part of the foundation stone laying but one must add that the church will be of the greatest value not only to the leper patients themselves, but also to the missionaries who go there from time to time to minister to them, for at one end is a 'clean' room set apart for their use and for the use of the Chinese pastor or evangelist who will be working there. Among the missionaries going there will be the latest addition to their number, namely China Inland Missionaries Dr. Dorothy Harris and Miss Joy Leister, who are on their way to Formosa to engage in work in our own Happy Mount Colony, but who hope to have time to go over and help in the Government Leprosarium as well. Only those who have been there and are there, can fully appreciate what a huge gift this church home is to those people, and we say "Thank You" to all who have helped towards its completion, and ask your prayers on behalf of patients and workers in the days to come.

While in Formosa Mrs. Dickson reminded me that I had in 1928 used the following lines by an author unknown:

"I will not follow the beaten path,
I will not follow any path,
I will go where there is no path
And leave a trail."

Take us on the quest of Beauty, Poet Seer of Galilee,
Making all our dreams creative, through their fellowship with Thee.
Take us on the quest of Knowledge, clearest Thinker man has known!
Make our minds sincere and patient, satisfied with Truth alone.
Take us on the quest of Service, kingly Servant of man's needs!
Let us work with Thee for others, anywhere Thy purpose leads.
All along our quest's far pathways, Christ our Leader and our Guide.
Make us conscious of Thy presence, walking always at our side. Amen.

—*The Living Message.*

News Notes From Japan

BY MRS. W. E. P. RUMBALL

THE other day we had the pleasure and privilege of meeting your newest missionaries on their way to Formosa so that gave me a good reason for dropping at least a note.

We had the very happy experience of being able to spend most of two days with Misses MacKenzie and Greer and if they enjoyed their visit to Kobe as much as we did having them then all had a fine time. We were very sorry that Miss MacKenzie was not staying in Japan as we had expected some time ago but we realize that the need of Formosa is greater than ours. We will follow these workers with our prayers and trust that we shall see them again before too long as we are really neighbours. While they were here we took this picture. The ship on which they travelled formed the background. As you see they were looking very happy.

The day after we said good-bye to them we had the joy of meeting Rev. Donald and Mrs. Powell who have come to join in the work here. They will be going to Tokyo for a period of language study as there is a Korean language school there for this year, at least we hope it will continue for a year. In another month or two we will welcome Miss Ethel MacDonald back and that will be a reunion for us as we worked together for more than ten years previously.

I want also to enclose a picture of the little kindergarten in our Nagoya Church. This was started by Miss Janet Crane, a missionary from Korea who was here for two years. She put a lot of energy and time into this work and the little school is indeed a splendid one. Since the new church building has been in use they have been able to admit at least thirty children. This will mean a fine contact with non-Christian homes as only a few are from Christian homes. There is another young woman in training as a kindergarten teacher in

Interlude enroute to Formosa.
Miss MacKenzie (l.) and Miss Greer with Mrs. Rumball and Janet in Kobe.

Nagoya. One more is in Kindergarten Training down in Fukuoka. These were both being assisted by the Women's Missionary Society (Canada) but the latter mentioned, decided that her family would like to try and support her fully if possible.

Your two Biblewomen, Mrs. Sim in Tokyo and Mrs. Chung at Mukogawa are both working as usual and find many calls on their time and talents. Mrs. Chung has been asked to go to the new little church in Toyohashi to work as they have no worker at all and she will be moving there shortly. She will be partly supported by the local church and we trust that she may give good service there.

Most of our churches have had Daily Vacation Bible Schools and as usual these have been very popular. A conference for the teachers was held for two days in July. We admire very much the faithfulness of these young people who have the responsibility of teaching the young children especially during this very hot season.

We have heard that there is a possibility of Miss Helen Bricker stopping over in Japan either on her way to or from India and we do trust that she will plan to give some time to visiting the work here.

Kindergarten in Nagoya Church.

Greetings From Guatemala

Several years ago when people from all over the world met in Toronto at the World Convention on Christian Education **Mrs. Anita De Guerra** *was a delegate representing Guatemala. It was our privilege to meet her early in the convention and when we knew that she was a Presbyterial President of a Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society in her homeland, we realized that we had much more in common than interest in Christian education. Mrs. De Guerra visited our office and since that time it has been a pleasure to communicate with her. In this letter to the members of our Missionary Society, Mrs. De Guerra tells of her work for her Church in her homeland.*

Dear Sisters:

IT is my privilege to send you a sisterly greeting in the love of Jesus Christ, our Master. We hope that the heavenly blessing may be great and precious to each of you and that God will prosper the work which is carried out by the women's Societies all over the world.

In Guatemala the sisters (members) who work in each committee have been very active and efficient, holding services in individual houses, visiting the sick in hospital, distributing tracts, visiting prisoners, seeking erring sisters, encouraging and inviting those of little faith, carrying out varied and well prepared programmes in devotional services, giving prizes to those who do the best work and to those who bring the greatest number of visitors to the meetings. At the same time we accept invitations from other churches or other fields to cooperate in conferences and special services, vacation schools or temperance services.

Mrs. Anita De Guerra

In the whole republic five Presbyterials are operating, the North, Centre, Pacific, West, and that of Sacatepequez. Each Presbyterial with its own executive is carrying on its activities in its own field, which is extensive, considering the number of churches or congregations which each contains. These organizations are very new, having been recognized by the Presbyterian Synod a scant four years ago. All these organizations have a lively intercommunication, and often we of the Central Presbyterial have gone to the different fields to install new executives.

Every plan of work is sent out to all the Presbyterials and for special days, like Easter, the

World Day of Prayer, Bible Day, Mothers' Day, a committee plans the programs and these are sent out on leaflets to all the Churches, or the majority of them. In this way we help the sisters who have no facilities for finding material. We have a mimeograph machine which has been most useful in this work, and each day we see doors of service opening to us. The Vacation Schools have been in the care of the Presbyterials and sends it to the various districts, because here it is impossible to secure work books, prepared lessons or pictures for our children.

I should like to acquaint you with a method that helps us prepare programmes in short order. Among the members of the Society we have some with precious gifts. There are some who recite, some who sing, some who serve, some with organizational ability, some who write little plays, some who compose words for hymns, so that they are all prepared when their co-operation is needed. The one who sings works with the pianist and prepares her hymn, the one who recites has her poems ready and so we have people prepared for all occasions. In the same way those who serve the lunch or collect money have to use their ingenuity for everything. God helps and we know that the work for the Lord is not in vain.

"Thine is the Power in Guatemala."

With best wishes to you dear sisters, that God may bless you and His Name be glorified in our lives and in our work for Him.

Yours sincerely,
Anita L. De Guerra,
President of Central Presbyterial.

We are grateful to Mrs. John MacGregor, Brampton, Ontario for translating Mrs. De Guerra's letter.

Let Us Take Time

Too close life crowds.
Let us take time, take time.
Let us take time to know the thoughts of men;
Time to know beauty;
And time to feel again
Calm and content of soul — the certain power
Of meditation through a quiet hour.
Time for a book, a song,
For golden weather
Made for the happiness of friends together;
Time to believe and time to lift the bars
'Twixt us and Truth,
'Twixt heartbeat and the stars.

—*Harvest Field.*

A Report On Tent Evangelism In Formosa

BY GEORGE A. HUDSON, TH.D.

Foreword, L. K. Pelton

DR. Hudson, whose article appears below, is a missionary of The Presbyterian Church in the United States and is one of a number from that Church who are in Taiwan by mutual agreement between their Board and our General Board of Missions. They sit on our Missionary Council, take part in all the discussions and have added a real strength to the mission work in Taiwan.

For years we have been so under-staffed in Taiwan that our missionaries were never free to do a vigorous missionary campaign among the people of the Island. For this reason our missionaries welcome Dr. Hudson's modern, stream-lined equipment and the funds available to him which enable him to do this work on a large scale.

Two very important features of this particular piece of work going on at present should be pointed out to our members:

1. The team accompanying Dr. Hudson is made up of members of the Taiwanese Church. This is very important because it means that our Mission Council, in approving Dr. Hudson's campaign and Dr. Hudson in organizing it, have taken cognizance of one of the most pressing emphases in mission work today, that of missionaries working within and through the local church.

2. In his campaign Dr. Hudson is touching some areas in which there is practically no Christian witness at all. As you read the article be assured that this is part of your church's work in Taiwan.

Foreword—Hildur Hermanson

The Hudsons have had these very interesting and helpful meetings. I was much impressed by the quiet and orderly congregations when I visited their campaign in Keelung, and by the very evident interest displayed by the hearers. When Dr. Hudson showed me his article ready for the U.S.A. Presbyterian paper I begged a copy for our magazine. I hope you can use it. It would be splendid if the appeal for prayer help could go

Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.

out in time for the fall campaigns.

We had a very exciting and happy day yesterday meeting our two new missionaries. It really is thrilling to have them here at long last. They are lovely girls and I know will be a great help and blessing to our work.

Organization

Our Evangelistic Team consists of six persons: George A. Hudson, Evangelist; Mr. Peter Liu, Taiwanese Interpreter and lay worker; Mr. James Chang, song leader; Mrs. George A. Hudson, Leader of women's and children's meetings; Miss Miriam Li, co-leader of women's and children's meetings; Mr. John Chen, tent manager.

Equipment

A tent 80 feet by 50 feet equipped with folding benches seating 900 adults or 1,200 children, portable pulpit platform with pulpit desk, electric lights, loud speakers, phono-player, slide projector, tape-recorder for recording choir music, and a folding Estey organ.

Program

Five Evangelistic Campaigns were held from March 23rd to July 6th in five towns: Chung-li; Chi-lung, Lo-Tung, I-lan and Su-ao. Two campaigns were held in churches and three campaigns were held using the Gospel Assembly Tent.

Five meetings were conducted each day during the first week of the campaigns. I preached twice each day at 6.45 a.m. and 8.00 p.m. The messages were given in Mandarin and interpreted into the Taiwanese language. Mrs. Hudson and co-workers conducted the women's and children's services. We had excellent attendance upon the meetings. On several occasions there were 1,200 children in the big tent. Often there were 1,000 people at the 8.00 p.m. meeting, the tent filled and many people standing outside the open tent. The tent is a great attraction and draws people to its services who never would enter a church building. The tent is truly an efficient means of mass evangelism.

During the second week of the campaigns enquirers were taught the fundamentals of the Christian religion. Specially prepared enquirers' material was used, together with projector showing slides on the life of Christ and Old Testament stories. There was much visitation of enquirers during the second week of the campaigns. Thus the enquirers were nurtured and brought into contact with the local church in which the teaching was carried on. Preaching and teaching went on hand in hand thus conserving the results of the evangelistic effort. There was fine co-operation on the part of pastors and church members of the Taiwan Presbyterian Church.

Exchange In Children's Centre Personnel

MISS Margaret Boyd who has been serving at Tyndale House, Montreal, as Superintendent of children's work, and Miss Catherine Watson, Superintendent of children's work at the Children's Centre, Vancouver, begin this fall by an interchange of scene for their endeavours. It is almost a homecoming for them both. Miss Boyd's home is on Vancouver Island, British Columbia; Miss Watson's in Sarnia Presbyterial in Ontario.

Miss Watson has been in Vancouver for five years. Miss Boyd went to Tyndale House in January of this year.

Miss Catherine Watson

Miss Margaret Boyd

Central Auxiliary, Vancouver, held a special meeting early in August to bid farewell to a valued member, Miss Catherine Watson, who has been Superintendent of the Children's Centre for the past five years. A small remembrance was presented to Miss Watson, who is leaving to do similar work in Montreal. Miss Watson will be greatly missed in the Auxiliary, in the Sunday School and in all departments of work in Central congregation. She has been a most willing worker and has endeared herself to all with whom she came in contact, by her kindly personality and her keen interest in all phases of the church's work.

Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, Thou Who art at once our tender loving Father and our mighty Sovereign Lord, we offer Thee our thankful hearts, in humble gratitude for all the goodness and mercy Thou has poured out upon each one of us, and for Thy continuing love and compassion which doth at all times encompass us. Once more, we rest our eyes upon the colourful beauty and never-failing wonder of the changing Autumn leaves; the burnished gold of the hushed harvest fields; the peace of the still brown earth, rich with its abundant accomplishment of growth and plenty, and resting in the sure promise of renewed strength and fertility for another year. O Lord, how wonderful, and how ordered in all its phases, is this marvelous world which Thou hast created, and how far beyond our feeble understanding is the infinite wisdom of Thy divine plan for this vast Universe, which is Thy footstool, and for those who dwell thereon! Open our eyes anew, we beseech Thee, to Thy might and power. Reveal to us our deep indebtedness to Thee, and the personal responsibilities which are ours, as we seek to learn Thy will concerning us, and what there is that we might do for Thee.

In this month of Thanksgiving and of Thank-offerings, very specially we would give Thee thanks for the great gift, and the great privilege, of giving, in Thy name and for Thy Kingdom here on earth. Father, we thank Thee for this opportunity, and, as we gather together in our Thank-offering Meetings in the days ahead, inspire us to give of that plenty which Thou has given to us, in earnestness, happiness, and prayer, and may Thy blessing rest upon and direct us in all we plan to do. Grant unto us the will and deep desire to give, not only of those possessions which, but for Thy boundless grace toward us, would not be ours to give, but of ourselves, humbly, willingly and trustingly, knowing that no matter how great the sacrifice, the gift without the giver is bare indeed.

Guide and guard Thy people everywhere; our own missionaries, who are so especially dear to us, and all those others who work and pray together with them in distant lands; the faithful worker in the field or home, wherever she may be; the ministers and officers of our Church, whose example and leadership must strengthen and inspire, and point the way to Thee. May every individual member of the Women's Missionary Society fully realize her own oneness of purpose with each one of these, and her real importance as one vital link in the great chain of work and prayer which, day by day, binds ever closer the Christian hearts of all the world, as they unite in sending forth Thy message of redeeming love unto all mankind.

Heavenly Father, lead and bless the seeking hearts of the young people of our own and other lands, who, in these days, are so beset with difficulties, perplexities and temptations. Be ever near to them and let them place their trust and hope in Thee, Who art the Lord and Saviour of us all, and the Light of all the World, even as it was in the begining, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen.

Concert In British Guiana

REVEREND JOHN ELDER of Burns Memorial Church, Georgetown, recently sent us the following newspaper clipping from a Georgetown newspaper. He sent us copies of pictures which appeared in the newsstory in that paper. The brief report gives us a sort of "homey" feeling and makes us realize how close we are to our Christian brethren in South America. It also shows us how news of the Christian Church is featured in newspapers of British Guiana. In all, if we read the news items carefully we can learn much.

"Burns Memorial Canadian Presbyterian Church was packed to capacity with many standing in the church, and others crowding at the doors, when a sacred concert sponsored by the Burns Memorial Church Choir was held. Two short Biblical plays entitled "The Babe in The Bulrushes" and "Ruth" were presented. A colourful cast wearing Oriental costumes with a simple setting brought out the Biblical story of Ruth's betrothal to Boaz. The programme included an organ solo by Miss Dolly Singh, four spirited anthems by the choir, quartette and duet renditions, while Miss P. Beeramsingh, and Messrs. Joseph Seecharran and Fred Welch selected recitations. In all everyone enjoyed the well arranged programme and compliments were paid to the lady-behind-the-scenes, Mrs. Helena Singh. So successful was the show that the choir was invited through the Reverend John Elder to give a repeat performance at the Canadian Mission School Hall, Pln. Ogle."

English Classes In Vancouver

BY RUTH YEANDLE

"How long is it since you came to Canada?"

"A year and a half. How long since you came?"

"I have only been here for six months."

The two young Chinese women stood chatting after the afternoon class in English at the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Vancouver. An older pleasant faced woman joined them and was asked the inevitable question. "How long have I been here?" she repeated with a chuckle, "Why I have been here for over forty years." Everyone laughed with her at this admission, but the younger women wanted to know why she had never studied English before. "I didn't need English to bring up my big family," she explained. "Besides, there wasn't any class for women before."

She was right. There have been classes for men ever since they began to come from China but so far as I know there has never been a special class for women. Why was this so? Simply because there was no demand for such a class. In the early days only a few men could afford to bring their wives from China and later they were not allowed into the country at any price unless they were Canadian born. However, since the last war the Immigration Act has been changed so that now a Canadian citizen may bring his wife and children up to twenty-one years of age. Great numbers are taking advantage of this.

At the present time in almost every city of Canada classes are being held for the purpose of teaching English to these newcomers. Here in Vancouver six to twelve women come twice a week in the afternoon while thirty or forty boys come three evenings a week. The boys are very regular in attendance coming to the evening class even after they are in a regular grade in Public School. They still need help with their lessons because they lack the foundation of five or six years in our schools. Great credit is due the faithful volunteers who come out week by week to teach these boys. We just wish there were more of them.

The women are not so regular though a few have continued from the beginning. They often have to drop out because of a new baby or some other demand on their time but they usually return to the class as soon as possible bringing the baby with them if necessary. While they are away visits are made to the home. On one such occasion we were looking for a Mrs. Koo. Mr. and Mrs. Koo greeted us warmly and called to their neighbours to come and meet us. The neighbours, who lived upstairs in the same house had a guest who also came. The Mrs. Wong whom we had started out to visit also was called and in due course arrived. While we were having a cup of tea more guests came until the little house was full of people, most of them Wongs. Gospels were given out as far as they went and witness was given to the love of God and the saving power of His Son. The women especially appreciate the visits of Miss Yeung who speaks quite a number of village dialects and so is able to make them feel at home.

If you have any of these folks in your locality will you do what you can for them? "Love the stranger" is just as much a command of our Lord as, "Thou shalt not steal" and it is a more positive one. Above all pray. Most of the children have been subjected to Communistic teaching. At each class a portion of Scripture is read and the way of salvation presented. "But we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

A Life Membership

I know now how one feels when one is honoured by members of a Society in whose service we are committed. When the ladies of London Presbyterial so honoured me last June—I was proud and humble, honoured yet feeling very unworthy. In times of doubt and stress I shall remember that I belong to a group of women who have served their Master far longer and far more worthily than I can ever do. The honour bestowed upon me will always remind me of the love and faith of women with whom I work in the service of One who taught us to love Him and each other.

Tisdale Junior Bible Class

St. Andrew's Church, Tisdale, has been very happy to welcome a number of Chinese boys and girls to their congregation during the past year. This picture shows the Junior Bible Class, composed of the Willing Workers Girls' Auxiliary and the teen-age boys. The photographer was Cee Mah, shown in the lower right. They meet before church and then attend the morning service in a group. The two little girls always came with Su. Mrs. F. Glazier is the teacher, also the leader of the Girls' Auxiliary. She is very proud of her Chinese boys and girls and visits often in their homes. It was a real thrill when the Willing Workers were invited to meet at the home of their Chinese member this spring.

Junior Bible Class, Tisdale

From The Editor's Diary

"I Have No Book"—At a conference of girls' work secretaries, a series of book reviews was being given—each of the Secretaries reviewing one. One of the leaders, an Esthonian lady, rose and said: "I have no book, will you hear why this is so?" Realizing the group was eager to hear the story, she graphically told how first Russia then Germany then Russia again took control of her homeland. On each occasion the books in libraries were destroyed—first the Esthonia libraries then the Russian books then the German. All the reading they had was the books in their private libraries. Then in the struggle for supremacy of Europe, a bomb destroyed our friend's home. There was nothing to read now. "You do not know the desperate feeling it is to have nothing, absolutely nothing to read. I tell you this story because I know that the same evil forces are still at work. It is not impossible that your books might be destroyed. We must all work to keep this from happening."

"I have no book." It is quite possible with all of the printed matter at our disposal, that we have no idea what it could mean not to see a book, periodical or newspaper day after day. Those who are coming to our shores from war-torn Europe and Asia are endeavouring to make us see and appreciate the things we have in this land. Perhaps the next time we wonder whether we should bother with the books on missions or subscribe to *The Glad Tidings* we will remember the Esthonian woman who had no book.

"There Is Joy in My Heart"— I was not conscious of the passengers behind me until I heard: "There is joy in my heart"—sung out with enthusiasm and emphasis by a young male voice. Such an expression at such a time by such a voice is rather unusual. I could not help listening. I heard the lads express pleasure in the countryside through which we were rolling on the bus, heard them say how proud they were of Canada's physical assets. They discussed the trip they were just finishing — apparently from one of Canada's western provinces. Then they came back to talk again of their destination—a large military camp. They spoke with pleasure of the people they hoped to meet, of the courses they would be studying. Lest you think I was too avid in my listening, let me say that I heard only snatches of the conversation—it was the expression not the content which interested me. I gathered that it was his work that gave the younger soldier the "joy in his heart". It was a joy which evidently made him see all things in a hopeful light.

It is not often in these days that we find such enthusiasm for living. All day I could hear the young voice saying "There is joy in my heart." Somehow my work took on new colour and vigour until I found my heart echoing a song that still returns with slightest bidding.

Designation Of Miss Hazel Turnbull

THE Brandon Presbytery of The Presbyterian Church in Canada met in St. Paul's Church, Hartney, on September 10th. In the evening a service of designation was held when Miss Hazel Turnbull was designated as a deaconess.

The service was conducted by the Moderator of Presbytery, Rev. A. C. Aicken of Hartney. Rev. J. Y. Garrett of Rossburn read the Scripture lessons and prayer was offered by Mr. H. Crump of Sioux Village, Portage la Prairie. Rev. George Johnson, Flin Flon preached the sermon and Rev. H. L. Henderson of Portage la Prairie addressed the deaconess.

The presentation of the deaconess pin was made by Rev. D. Anderson of Neepawa, and Mrs. J. G. McBurney of Hartney, President of Brandon Presbyterial, presented a Bible on behalf of the Women's Missionary Society and a Book of Praise on behalf of the Brandon Presbyterial.

A reception was held in the church basement following the service, when greetings and good wishes were expressed to the newly designated deaconess. Miss Turnbull is a member of St. Paul's Church, Hartney, where she has worked in the various organizations. She served for two summers as a student deaconess in Saskatchewan, and at present is serving under the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) as a teacher at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario.

Miss Hazel Turnbull, B.A.

Editor Of The Glad Tidings Honoured

THE readers of *The Glad Tidings* will be gratified to learn of the honour that was recently bestowed upon the Editor, Miss Mary E. Whale when the London Presbyterial Executive presented her with a Life Membership and pin as an expression of appreciation of her fine work for the magazine and for the Society.

The presentation took place in the presence of presidents and leaders of auxiliaries and girls' groups from the Presbyterial at a special meeting in St. George's Presbyterian Church, London, presided over by Mrs. J. R. Waldie, President of the Presbyterial. Miss Whale is a member of the Evening Department and the presentation was made by Mrs. W. C. Wheaton, of Port Stanley, Secretary of that department in London Presbyterial. Miss Whale was completely taken by surprise as she had merely been asked to attend the meeting as its special speaker and her pleasure was all the more keen as her home is in that area.

The members of the Editorial Committee of *The Glad Tidings* are very much pleased with this recognition of Miss Whale's fine work. —*Alice Inkster.*

Life Membership Department

(Report from Annual Meeting)

Mrs. Pye, presenting the Life Membership report urged that we keep always in mind the real purpose for giving Life Memberships. We should keep service in the foreground and the consideration of the money in the background. Younger people, members of girls' and children's groups can be encouraged in the missionary work by the older members of the Society taking such an interest in their future that Junior Membership and seals and Life Memberships are presented.

"A Life Membership is just what it says it is", said Mrs. Pye. "There is sometimes misunderstanding about this". She gave as an example the question that had come about a lady who had become a Life Member and who had moved to a new home and found missionary work being done in an associate group. There were those in that group who had thought that she was not still a Life Member because the group was not an auxiliary. "A Life Member is a Life Member wherever she goes".

Mrs. Pye reminds us of practical points in connection with the department. These are all to be found in the Life Membership leaflet but chief among the confusing points is the one that all requests for certificates and seals be accompanied by a receipt from the Treasurer showing that the money has been paid. A record of memberships and of certificates and pins on hand should be kept by the Presbyterial Life Membership Secretary and reported systematically to the Synodical Secretary. This gives an accurate account of the work of the department.

In 1953 the Life Membership Department will be in existence seventy years. Mrs. Pye asked the delegates if they wished in any way to note this anniversary. The matter of a new form on which auxiliaries might keep a record of memberships given was referred to Council Executive for decision.

With Momeduc II In India

BY MISS ISABEL MCCONNELL, REG. N.

DURING the past week I was in Mendha one night. I had a trip to a new village which impressed me very much. We were three days there as I wanted to investigate the possibilities of establishing a clinic. I distributed powdered milk to children just recovering from small-pox. Poor little things, it was pathetic and yet the parents felt they were honoured because the small-pox goddess had visited them. Altogether I had five clinics last week. I had to go to Dohad on business on Saturday so it left no time for cleaning up our equipment, for accounts or much else. I am sure the girls think I am a hard task-master. I told them "the King's business requireth haste"! This coming week I have to take two of my former nurses, T.B. suspects, to Indore for an X-Ray. There is a good T.B. clinic there. I have to get medicines, see the girls in training and attend to payment of road-tax etc. If one had no interruptions one could do more.

You will be interested in the first pictures of the second Mobile Unit. One gives a good view of the car and the staff on a trip two weeks ago when we spent two nights out. We had an extra evangelist that trip. One from Mendha, Lalawad and Jobat. I try to take one from the district in which we are working. Two nurses who serve as Biblewomen too. The second picture is a group of listeners with the Evangelist before we start treatments or give medicines. The preacher and driver are standing. The station wagon is grand and is comfortable, commodious, and *most useful.* The nurses say they have lots of room for their feet in the new car. We are all quite happy in the job we are doing.

Mobile Unit and Staff.

Welcoming Students from Overseas

MORE than 1,500 students from other countries are now studying in Canadian universities—approximately one-third in Montreal, one-third in Toronto and one-third in other centres. They come from backgrounds different from ours, often not too familiar with our language and customs, compelled to use a new kind of currency, and finding our ways quite strange even in such little things as the use of an automatic telephone or self-service restaurant. Coming frequently from places where life is more leisurely, our rush and bustle may be bewildering. To make matters worse, when they seek a place in which to live, they sometimes have the humiliating experience of being turned away because their skins are not white—they are "Foreigners". First impressions of Canada and Canadians are therefore anything but favourable and, even after years of study here, they sometimes return to their home countries burdened with bitter memories.

Canadians do not like other peoples to see us in this light. We would wish these students from other lands to see the best of our life and to know us as a warm-hearted, friendly people. Much is already being done by many individuals and agencies to make this desire a reality. But there are large gaps in our approach and a co-ordination of effort is needed.

About two years ago, a number of persons, widely representative of those concerned with student life, formed an organization which they entitled, "Friendly Relations with Overseas Students" (FROS), largely modelled on a similar body in the United States which has been functioning very efficiently for four decades. The aim of this organization is, "To welcome to Canada students from other countries and to provide opportunities for mutual understanding and appreciation". It does not seek to compete with any existing work nor to overlap in any area. Its purpose is to be a correlating agency, giving greater scope and effectiveness to present services, filling in spaces which may exist, so that all overseas students in our colleges and universities may be reached.

Contact with the student is made at four points: (1) before he leaves home, (2) at the port, or air-port, of entry, (3) in the university where he is enrolled, (4) in relation to the community in which he finds himself.

Each of these is of great importance and, through these contacts, the newly arrived student finds himself in a friendly atmosphere and first impressions will be happy. In each centre wher needed, a community commit is being set up to carry through the purposes of the organization and to meet the many needs of these students apart from their initial reception. Many of the students find themselves in financial difficulties and need a measure of temporary help; others would like part-time work; some seek employment during vacations; many want to improve their English; others are anxious to know about our various institutions—civic, provincial, industrial and educational—in order to carry back new ideas to their home lands.

In all of these areas, and other similar ones, FROS needs and desires the help of many Canadians who would care to have a part in this programme of friendly welcome and assistance. Offers of assistance, enquiries or suggestions for enlarging or improving this valuable service will be welcomed at the National Office, 43 St. George St., Toronto, (KI. 1978).

The Glad Tidings

Report from Annual Meeting

Mrs. Inkster, Chairman of the Editorial Committee introduced the discussion on the Society's magazine.

Any publication, she stated is a means of forming opinions. We should be aware of the importance of a Church publication in the formation of opinions. Through such publications we should find guidance in solving the problems facing us in every day life. The magazine should be circulated with the thought in mind that it can aid in the formation of opinions, and in the development of Christian personality. These opinions and personalities will aid in the building and developing of the work of the Christian Church. A Church publication then, is necessary as a builder.

The Editor was asked to present the practical problems in the publishing of *The Glad Tidings*. Increasing cost is a problem before your Editorial Committee almost constantly these days. It was reported that the Murray Printing Company had increased the cost of printing 15%. The Committee had agreed that the increased cost could not be passed on to the subscriber but were willing that every effort be made to pay for the magazine through increased subscriptions.

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What Is The Kuban Cossack Bulletin?

BY LEETA MCCULLY CHERRY

IT is, perhaps, the newest of all our Christian Literature periodicals. Certainly it is the newest one in Canada, and it has come into being in answer to a great need, even as did that good Ukrainian newspaper, *The Evangelical Truth.* This also owed its inception to the far-reaching vision and indefatigable efforts of Rev. Michael Fesenko, who publishes and prepares both of these worth-while publications for circulation in Canada, and, as far as possible, among the thousands of refugees concentrated in Germany, Austria, and other European and South American countries.

Mr. Fesenko is himself a Kuban Cossack, and his sympathy and understanding are very keen for these countrymen of his, who, throughout the years of bitter struggle under Russian domination, have suffered so much in the cause of freedom, losing, in the end, everything they possessed and most of what life held dear. Very specially, was he concerned with the four or five hundred who have been encouraged to come to Canada with the recent immigration, and particularly for the hundred or so who came to Toronto, many of whom eventually found their way to the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church of which Mr. Fesenko is the Minister. Originally these people were Greek Orthodox in religion, but during the long years of persecution under Soviet Russia, they were permitted no religious instruction whatever, and could not belong to any Church. During the revolution there, many of them, particularly the younger Cossacks, turned toward the Protestant faith, still having that longing for faith and spiritual values so natural for the human soul. They are, however, very much opposed to superstition in religion, and very much attracted by the Protestant Church.

Rev. Michael Fesenko

Knowing this, Mr. Fesenko says, "For these Churchless people, the Presbyterian faith is very often a new revelation that solves all their spiritual problems. At last they find a Church with great spiritual teaching and without any traces of superstition. I think it is very fortunate that the Presbyterian Church, and the Women's Missionary Society, have taken to their hearts the needs of these much-persecuted people." Certainly they have been taken whole-heartedly into the life of the Ukrainian Presbyterian Church in Toronto, where Mr. and Mrs. Fesenko make them warmly welcome in every way, gradually drawing these strangers together into a friendly Cossack Society, and including them in the local work of the Church. "In fact," says Mr. Fesenko, "in our congregation in Toronto, the Kuban Cossacks are among the most active and helpful members, and I am certain that they and their children will become first-rate Canadians."

It was for these Kuban Cossacks throughout Canada, and for as many of those others in Prison Camps and D.P. Centres overseas, as could be reached, that the important little Kuban Cossack Bulletin was first recognized as a necessity, and brought into actual publication in January, 1951. These people are neither Ukrainian or Russian, but an entirely separate people, who greatly value their own individuality, their own language, and proud national history. Mr. Fesenko, realizing that there is a vital difference in the approach to Cossacks and Ukrainians, knew that the same periodical could not serve efficiently for both, so he determined to print a small religious bi-monthly paper, of eight pages, in the language and the spirit of the Kuban Cossacks themselves, with the dual purpose of welcoming and introducing the Kuban Cossacks to Canada, interpreting Canada and its ways to them, and explaining the meaning and the value of the Protestant doctrines. Already, he feels that this paper has helped greatly in attracting the Cossacks to the Gospel message. It has been enthusiastically received, is widely read and circulated among the Kuban Cossacks in Canada, and many copies are regularly sent overseas to those who, in many cases, receive no other Christian literature of any sort. Wherever possible, they try very hard to send in subscriptions to the paper, but as they are newcomers to a strange land, who bring nothing with them, they must first become established financially before there is any money to spare for such as this. Just recently, however, a touching donation of five dollars came in from an Austrian Prison Camp, from an educated gentleman there who greatly appreciated the small paper, and somehow managed to get together this money and send it out of the country to help in so good a cause.

Generally speaking, it will be

our W.M.S. privilege to help to support the Kuban Cosack Bulletin and keep it going. In the beginning, Mr. Fesenko printed both this new paper and The Evangelical Truth, from the grant our Society gives for Evangelical Truth alone, but of course, this money could not possibly finance both papers, no matter how capable and economic the planning. In February of this year, a Special Grant of $500 was made to Mr. Fesenko for the use of the Kuban Cossack Bulletin alone, and now the eight pages have expanded to sixteen, with an English section soon to be included. More subscriptions will be coming in, as these newcomers settle in, for the Kuban Cossack is reaching a great number of appreciative readers, and extending into an ever-widening sphere of influence.

Each issue is prayerfully planned and written, some of it by well-known Cossacks, to appeal to every angle of the Kuban Cossack thought and need. "Our paper presents Christ to these newcomers", says Mr. Fesenko, "and helps them to adapt themselves to life in their new motherland. In time, some of these people will doubtless return to their own lands, and we would help them to take back with them a new knowledge of the Truth." Typical issues contain, for instance, a sermon on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. A sermon on a religious theme is always welcome in a Cossack paper, Mr. Fesenko tells me, because the Kuban Cossacks are a very religious people, who even start every public meeting by singing The Lord's Prayer. Another article suggests the introduction of more religious feeling and sentiment into the Cossack National Anthem; a short article in the same issue is the translation from a Toronto newspaper of the heroic deeds of the British Man-of-War, named Cossack. Another article deals with the persecution of the Kuban Cossacks by the Communists, and stresses the necessity of co-operation between Cossacks and Ukrainians in their struggle against communism, even here. Poems about Kuban are always included, for these are a nation of poetry-lovers and of high literary intelligence. On the last page of one paper is the picture of a monument dear to the heart of every Cossack, because it commemorates the landing of the first party of Cossacks on Taman, the beloved Kuban Province. The front page of a recent number is a fine photograph of our late King, George VI, with a beautiful tribute to his memory.

Who are these Kuban Cossacks, do you ask? They are a liberty-loving people, who, for generations, were a vital part of that "Northern Caucusus" which had a population of eight million. Always, the Cossacks have been the leading and largest force to take an uncompromising stand against Russian communism, and, at the beginning of the revolution in 1917, they had established themselves as a separate and distinctive State, known as the Kuban Cossack Republic, with an organized Kuban Army of 200,000 men. Right from the very beginning, this army had to fight against the Russian army, then represented by the Reds, and by 1920 they were fighting desperately with their backs to the Black Sea. Indeed, the struggle for independence never ceased on the territory of the Kuban Republic, and not a single document acknowledging the Russian occupation was ever issued by the Government, which never ceased to protest against this subjugation, whether it be from the Russian or the German hordes. They have been gallant fighters always, considered to be the best horsemen and soldiers in Central Europe, but after years of desperate struggle, during the Second World War they were hopelessly outnumbered, ten to one, and finally submerged by Soviet Russia.

Thousands of the Kuban Cossacks, with their families, were transferred from their homes into Germany, which was bad enough, but, following the Conference of Malta, in accord with the new agreement made then, the great majority of them were forcibly returned to Soviet Russia and into the hands of their bitter enemies, the Communists. There, most of them were destroyed without mercy. Those who escaped, (and there are some of these among the men of Mr. Fesenko's congregation) have brought back with them grim and authentic stories of these wholesale murders of the repatriated Kuban Cossacks by the Russian Communists. Now, more than 40,000 of them still remain in Austrian Prison Camps, and still others are held in Germany. Many have escaped to Canada after enduring untold hardships, and are now becoming good Canadian citizens, as have the thousands of other Kuban Cossacks who came to Canada through the years in the ordinary course of immigration. They are, and have always been, an industrious and hard-working people, and their Provinces in Russia had more schools and were more prosperous than any other part of Russia. They were excellent farmers, producing all types of agricultural products, and particularly a remarkably good Kuban Cossack wheat, which became widely used all over Europe. Some of this was brought to Canada in 1900, by a Canadian Government wheat-expert, and grown with such success that it is now recognized as the celebrated "Kubanka" wheat. It ripens early, is resistant to smut, and is considered of such high quality that it is now used as the standard by which other varieties of wheat are judged in Canada.

These, then, are the good people who have sought sanctuary from their oppression in our free land. It is for them that the Kuban Cossack Bulletin goes forth with its message of Christian fellowship, and the revelation of the Presbyterian faith to answer their spiritual bewilderment. "The need is great and vital," says Mr. Fesenko, "and now is the time of sowing. These Cossack refugees are interested in the Christian message, and later on, if God is willing, they will take it home with them. In this way, we may reach a new people. "With all the communist and anti-Christian propoganda aimed at these people everywhere, can we doubt the need and the opportunity before such a Christian publication? Who knows how far this bright little torch of Christian literature may cast its beams, or how steadfast may be the light it sheds to guide these sad and seeking hearts into the lasting sanctuary of God's love and care? Ours is the privilege of helping to speed that message on its way, and ours is the responsibility of remembering it in our prayers.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

THIS study year, as has been noted on this page for the past two issues of this magazine, all groups in the Women's Missionary Society Family are going to think about Africa. There are many good books on Africa which can be used as supplementary to the study packets, which should help to add interest to group meetings and make us more intelligent world citizens as we read them at home.

It is usually thought to be wise at the beginning of a consideration of any subject to first of all get the

ing in that programme. In the foreword Dr. Ross states, "No group so primary and so large has ever had just such a chance as Africa has in to-day's world. For it is not only Africa that is in change. The whole world is struggling for change. It is seeking some of the lost good communal qualities of the common past. Those qualities are implicit in God's Fatherhood and man's brotherhood. They are explicit in Christ's teaching and example. They are dangerously deficient in the West's heritage to-

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

Forget Not All His Benefits

WHEN the multitude of life's good things make us forget, the given Thanksgiving Day comes along to remind us that the soul must not be stifled under the load.

T For the Thankfulness we feel to-day for our Women's Missionary Society the wonderful organization of which we form a part and for the work it has been able to do.

H For our Hospital Visitors who go through our hospitals in Toronto, London, Montreal, Winnipeg, Edmonton and Vancouver, and carry the Gospel message to the sick and convalescing.

A For the Auxiliary members who are working, praying, giving and living for the advancement of the Kingdom of Christ in the world.

N For the Nations of the world who need our prayers and for the faithful few who are carrying the Banner of Christ.

K For the Koreans in Japan who are asking for teachers to instruct them not only in the Bible but in better methods of living.

S For the Supplies which we all help to get ready for our Indian Schools and missionaries in the Northwest.

G For Miss Greer and Miss MacKenzie who have arrived in Formosa to help teach women and children and for all our workers in Formosa.

I For our Indian Schools at Birtle and Kenora where Indian boys and girls are being taught about the Love of Christ and trained in homemaking and manual training.

V For the Visiting that is done by the Welcome and Welfare Department to the strangers in our land. Although many speak a foreign tongue kindness is a language that all can understand.

I For India for the work that has been done in our Bhil and Jhansi Fields and for Miss White our new missionary to the Bhil people.

N For the New Canadians who are coming to our land and who bring the best of their traditions and trust we will give to them the same hand of fellowship that was given to our forefathers.

G For the Gifts of money and service which all must give if this great work is to be carried on. How much money has gone into this work this year for: British Guiana, India, Formosa, Japan; in Canada for deaconess work, hospital visiting, Chinese work, Indian Schools and Children's Centres and Youth Centres.

Thank-Offering

THREE women went down the same street to the Thank-offering service. They read the same lesson, sang the same hymns, heard the same message, and laid their envelopes in the same plate. But in the hands of the Ministering Angel the gift of the thankful heart turned to shining gold and went on a large errand; the perfunctory gift of habit became silver, and the one grudgingly given became a little pile of pennies.

And the first woman said at home, "How gloriously the opportunities are enlarging! I am so glad I can help."

And the second said, "It was a very interesting talk."

And the third woman murmured, "Why do missionaries always tell such uncomfortable things!"

And the first woman gave a Thank-offering, and the second gave an offering, and the third merely added to the collection.

Which shall it be from you and me, the first, or second, or third?

—Selected.

A Song Of Thanksgiving

BY MARY HALL LEONARD

I thank Thee Lord,
That thy best gifts are free.
For air and water, sunshine, trees and flowers,
For changing seasons, and the constant stars,
For eyes and ears, for feet and hands and voice
To use in ministry to human needs,
I thank thee, Lord.

For reason, consciousness and memory,
Power to observe, imagine and to feel,
And the sense of Beauty, glorifying all;
For spirit graces, patience, hope and faith,
And Love, the greatest of thy priceless gifts;
For lives of little children that inspire
To childlike trust and wise simplicity,
I thank thee, gracious Lord.

For strength to bear, for courage to go on
When life is hard; for the sure confidence
That Good is at the heart of things, and all
That evil seems will blend in highest good;
For a larger God to love and worship as I learn
To understand Him more.
Yes, for Thyself, O All-sufficient One,
I praise and thank thee, Lord.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

Have We Got What It Takes?

THE early decades of this century were characterized by a great emphasis on child education. Such slogans as "The nation moves forward on the feet of little children", and "Give me five years of talk with your children, and I will change the thinking of this nation", (Lenin) each served to highlight the importance of child guidance. Later generations tended to think of *adolescence* as the critical period in the life of an individual—"the deciding time of life", it was called,—and the assumption seemed to be that the individual did not learn very much after he reached the age of twenty-four.

The fundamental weakness in such thinking need scarcely be mentioned. So far as the Church was concerned this fallacy led to much disillusionment. Many of our most outstanding teen-agers and young people failed to expand as adults in their Christian point-of-view. Very often the Church did not provide guidance in their ongoing experience.

To-day we take for granted the results of years of research by education. But in 1928 their findings were revolutionary i.e.

—The outstanding factor in learning is *not* age. The adult ability to learn corresponds with that of the late teens.

—So far as ability to memorize is concerned, adults memorize better than young children do. (The only "catch" is that adults don't remember for as long a time.)

—Adults can change attitudes and learn skills as quickly or perhaps more quickly than an earlier age group. But over and above this ability *we adults have rich insights gleaned from facing life.*

These findings gave great impetus to those interested in adult education and the social agencies became particularly active in this field. The Church has made generous use of the findings of educators in every other age group. Are we, as adults, as ready to avail ourselves of the benefit of years of research in the adult field of education?

Some people have very neatly marked off the decades of this past century to show their special characteristics, i.e. The Turbulent Twenties, the Hungry Thirties, The Fighting Forties, and, the *Decisive Fifties*—decisive because of the fateful decisions we are being asked to make.

There is a despair, an apathy, abroad in Christian lands to-day that neither human wisdom nor strength have been able to meet. But we who have experienced the Power of God to break through into human history have a message for our generation. Have our young women got what it takes to live in these momentous days?

To do this requires a genuine discipline on the part of each one of us, to *know* more about the issues facing the Christian Church—to take time out of our busy lives to read and meditate—to come to our groups prepared to take a courageous stand on the problems of our day.

—*Grace Irvine*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary

To Leaders and Girls:

DURING National Camp through Miss Bricker we invited the Presbyterian representatives to write their impressions of any or all phases of National Camp with the thought that this mountain-top experience in Christian education for senior girls in Canada might be shared by all our teen-age girls through this page.

Norma Torrance of Woodbridge, Ontario, has generously given us a large share in the spirit of National Camp. Coming to us at the beginning of our season's work this piece reminds us of the joy and the beauty of camping experiences but it reminds us, too, of our calling in these days, to go forward looking upward.

To you who are leaders, Norma's expression shows an ultimate goal which can be attained in work with teen-age girls. To you, girls, there is a vision to be shared.

Miss Norma Torrance

"Go Forth With God"

"Go forth with God" was the theme of our closing night at first National C.G.I.T. Camp. During the past ten days we had worked, worshipped, and played together. Now we were going home.

As we assembled for the closing ceremony, I thought of our happy days at camp. What lively discussions we had in the mornings! How hard we worked as we tried to make some suggestion which would help the C.G.I.T. movement! These two periods were followed by interest groups. Each was led by one of our well-known leaders. Each day we learned some new fact, we wondered, "Will I ever be able to remember this when I get home?"

I thought of the impressive evening worship services held on Vesper Rock. Imagine yourself on a cliff made of solid rock which looked across several fields to a tree-lined lake and a glorious sunset. Now add the sounds of birds singing in the nearby trees, and then, you can imagine the beauty of Vesper Rock.

I remembered the evenings, too —the campfires, the sing-songs and the fellowship with girls from across Canada and from overseas. All had been so much fun. Now we were going home. It could have been a sad occasion, but it wasn't, although we were all deeply impressed. A worship service was conducted by three of the vice-presidents. Then, as we joined our hands in the familiar friendship circle, each of the ten presidents spoke briefly of how we could go forth to our homes, to our churches, and to our communities with God. In those few minutes I saw a deeper meaning to C.G.I.T. Each of us is in training for life—a life which is walked with God. We as C.G.I.T. girls are gaining a valuable knowledge of how such a life can be lived. As we returned to our homes, each of us realized more clearly the need to "Go Forth With God".

Attention Auxiliary Welcome And Welfare Secretaries

When students go from your church to out of town points to study, please obtain their new address as soon as possible and send it at once to the Synodical Student Secretary. We are anxious to be friendly to out of town students and interest them in the local Presbyterian Church, but by the time lists of students are available from the university, the year's activities are half over and the student has his programme full. We are asking for your co-operation in making possible early contact with students.

E. BURNABY,
Student Secretary.

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Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

> "Nothing can sing the harmony part
> Of the music of love that is in the heart
> Like the making of a friend."—J. B. Downie.

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Correction

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VICTORIA Presbyterial — Members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Chinese Presbyterian Church, **Victoria,** gathered recently for a farewell party in honour of their President, Miss Grace Lee, who was to leave for Hong Kong to be present at the 70th birthday celebration of her mother. Miss Gertrude Scott acted as chairman for a short meeting. Mrs. H. Warren, President of the Presbyterial, brought greetings and her best wishes; Mrs. Lam Ning gave a farewell address and Mrs. Chow Young conducted prayers. Mrs. Walter Lee and Mrs. Philip Chan spoke briefly in Chinese and English, respectively, and Mrs. Edward Chan presented Miss Lee with a travelling bag on behalf of those present. On behalf of the Presbyterial Mrs. Warren presented Miss Lee with a small gift. Miss Lee has spent twenty-one years doing missionary work for the Chinese Presbyterian Church.

Westminster Presbyterial — Central Church, **Vancouver,** July meeting took the form of a supper meeting. Each member present gave the number of her favourite hymn and a verse was sung. Dr. Skene in an impromptu address complimented the Auxiliary on their good attendance in this summer month, as the modern trend seemed to be not to give too much attention to religion during the summer season.

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SUPERIOR Presbyterial—The highest honour which is in its power to confer on one of its members, that of an Honorary Life Membership in the Women's Missionary Society of The Presbyterian Church in Canada, was given to Mrs. C. LeCocq, by members of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Fort William,** at a special meeting held September 5th in the Sunday School Hall. Presentation of the Honorary Life Membership came on the eve of her departure for the Maritimes where she plans an extended visit to her girlhood home. The presentation was made by Mrs. W. S. Nairn, President of the Manitoba Synodical Society, who paid tribute to Mrs. LeCocq's untiring devotion to W.M.S. work during the many years when she had worked as a member and, as an officer of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, and during her years of office as a Synodical officer. Visibly surprised Mrs. LeCocq replied graciously and said that her work had been ''done for the Church and with no thought of reward''.

The Rev. Agnew H. Johnston conducted the devotional period taking his reading from Proverbs chapter 3 and Mrs. A. MacAulay, President was in the chair. Rev. J. A. McMahon offered prayer. There was a large attendance of women from St. Andrew's Church as well as representatives from West Fort William and Port Arthur, guests including Rev. A. H. Johnston, Rev. J. A. McMahon and Rev. G. E. Bastedo.

On September 6th a meeting of the Lakehead members of Manitoba Synodical Board was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Ballantyne. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Synodical President, was in the chair and called on Miss M. I. L. Smellie to say a few words. Miss Smellie reminisced on the work over the years and presented an Honorary Life Membership pin, a gift from the Lakehead members of the Board, to Mrs. LeCocq.

SASKATCHEWAN

Mrs. Jay Watson, Box 1056, Weyburn,
Press Secretary

MOOSE Jaw Presbyterial—Mrs. Wm. Kelly of Moose Jaw was elected President of the Presbyterial at the 38th annual meeting held in **Moose Jaw** on May 29th. Delegates were present from Assiniboia, Briercrest, Knox and St. Paul's Churches, Moose Jaw, Swift Current and Weyburn. The President, Mrs. J. E. McGillivray presided at all sessions. Reports given by the secretaries were most encouraging—showing marked increases in all departments. A warm welcome was extended to Rev. R. B. and Mrs. Herrod and pardonable pride expressed in having Mr. Herrod, a member of Knox Church and a recent graduate of Knox College, in charge of a Moose Jaw congregation. Regret was expressed at the news of the serious illness of Mrs. Simpson, Honorary President of the Presbyterial, now resident in Vancouver. Rev. W. McKinnon brought greetings from the Presbytery of Assiniboia and told of the work being done in Southern Saskatchewan by the deaconesses and van sponsored by the W.M.S. The Mission Band Banner was presented to Mrs. Beck, with, leader of the Lily Simpson Mission Band of Weyburn for its outstanding work during the past year. Miss M. E. Anderson, missionary on furlough from British Guiana, was in attendance at all sessions and was guest speaker at the evening meeting. Miss Anderson brought greetings from the British Guiana mission field and thanked the members of the W.M.S. for loyal support. She told of her work as a teacher-evangelist among the East Indian people and she emphasized the great need for ordained men in British Guiana. ''There are thousands of people waiting for the Gospel, and their need is desperate . . .'', she said.

Prince Albert Presbyterial—At the request of the ladies of **Carragana**, an auxiliary of the W.M.S. was organized on June 19th. Miss Isabelle Bailey, Presbyterial President, presided and expressed the joy of the Executive for the opportunity of visiting and organizing the group. In opening the worship service, Miss Bailey gave the poem ''His Lamps Are We'' and in her message said that as a result of men and women obeying God's commands there are now groups of Christians throughout the world. She spoke of how our W.M.S. has a part in this work and that as labourers with God we must go forth in sacrifice and love, hope and prayer to win the world for Christ. Miss Orra Hunt of Prince Albert, introduced the current study and gave helpful information for the planning of successful meetings. Rev. R. McDonald installed the elected officers and closed the meeting.

Regina Presbyterial—The members of **Yorkton** Presbyterian Guild were privileged to have as their guest speaker Mrs. J. Shaw, the president of Regina Presbyterial. In her timely message, Mrs. Shaw told the gathering, that as a new group, it would have to be prepared for much hard work and responsibility. She stressed the importance of prayer in our daily lives and the valuable use to which time, talents and means could be put. ''God has a claim on our lives,'' said Mrs. Shaw, ''and all we have comes from Him.'' There is a need to recapture the right conception of God as the Sovereign Ruler and Great Creator, she said.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — Parkview Auxiliary, **Saskatoon,** met recently at the home of Mrs. Charles Gordon, the Home Helpers being especially invited. A short business meeting was held at which it was decided that the legacy left by the late Mrs. T. Hodgins would be used as follows: To purchase a bell for a chapel in India and the balance to be used to purchase equipment for the Society's third mobile unit for India. Miss J. E. Walls, Synodical President, brought a report from the Council Meeting which she had attended.

From St. Andrew's Church, **Rosetown,** comes a report of a Mother and Daughter banquet, attended by thirty-nine Explorer girls and their mothers. Supper was served by members of the Young Women's group. Miss Ruth Elder, student deaconess serving in Saskatoon Presbyterial for the summer, gave an interesting address on ''A Little Girl's Impression of British Guiana''.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

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CHATHAM Presbyterial—The Chinese Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** celebrated its first anniversary with a tea in the church hall. Thirty Chinese women and children were present, also guests numbering fifty from the missionary groups of the church and interested women of the congregation joined for this happy anniversary occasion. An interesting display of Chinese handwork and pictures drew the admiration of the visitors, and Miss May Lee, convener, spoke of the happiness of the Chinese women, and their gratitude, for the interest of the Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary in helping them with their English study and in planning their worship services. An interesting assortment of Chinese cakes was served by Chinese girls in costume at the tea tables, each table attractive with Chinese vases of pink and white carnations and its beautiful Chinese linen. Mrs. June Hong cut the birthday cake, which everyone enjoyed.

Sarnia Presbyterial — On July 2nd the Pioneer Auxiliary of **Wyoming** had a birthday party and had guests from Cuthbertson Senior Auxiliary, the ''McIver'' girls' group and West Adelaide Senior and Young Women's auxiliaries. West Adelaide gave musical selections. Miss Kathryn Brittain told of the life of Dr. Ida Scudder and Mrs. P. J. McEwen gave Synodical highlights.

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SAUGEEN Presbyterial—At St. Andrew's Church, **Gordonville,** a group of enthusiastic young women met July 23rd for the purpose of organizing an Evening Auxiliary. Mrs. James McKerracher, Presbyterial President, had charge of the meeting and gave a talk on the growth of the Society through the years. Briefly Mrs. McKerracher told of the various phases of the work, and proceeded to organize this group. The newly elected officers were installed by Mrs. Gordon Coutts, Evening Department Secretary.

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Editorial

Call To Unity

BY LAURA K. PELTON

THE major concern of The International Missionary Council and The World Council of Churches is exactly what are the implications in the Church's Call to Mission and Unity.

At Willingen where the enlarged committee of The International Missionary Council met in July the theme of the Conference was The Missionary Obligation of the Church. However, implicit throughout the discussions was the question of unity.

The results at Willingen and the results of the conference on Faith and Order at Lund, Sweden, have moved me to make some comments on the matter of unity.

It is not clear to me, and I suspect that many others find themselves groping their way in a similar fog, what is meant by many who talk so much to-day of unity.

If they mean that the churches should make their witness in a spirit of 'oneness' which shows forth the redemptive purpose of God in Christ without questioning one another's integrity and with a clarity and charity which win respect of their hearers then I am for unity.

On the other hand if these pronouncements on unity envisage ecclesiastial organic union I for one predict that the ecumenical movement will be retarded indefinitely. This is not to say that the Church shall never be one in that sense, nor that necessarily it would not be desirable for it to be so. It is to say that if in the purpose of God the Protestant churches are to become one I believe that the revelation of His purpose will come in such a way that the kind of discussion taking place to-day on unity may prove to have been irrelevant.

Let me try to demonstrate what I mean. At the Willingen conference last July the following phrases were indicative of the impatience on the part of many delegates with the ecclesiastical divisions within the Protestant church: "the scandal of the divisions in the church"; "the church's witness on the mission fields is made ineffective by its divisions", "the divisions of the church are a sin against God". "How can the Church of

Jesus Christ be the Church when it is divided?"

I can understand the difficulty which members of the younger churches have in appreciating the historic fact of our divisions. I have a certain amount of sympathy with the impatience of youth toward these divisions. Nevertheless the above statements as I have recalled them ignored two facts of which those who make such statements should be reminded.

First, those of us who lived together for two weeks at Willingen were there as a result of the divided Church's witness. I find it difficult to believe that 'a sin against God; the scandal of the churches, an ineffective witness' could have resulted in such a gathering.

Second, something far beyond and much deeper than our faltering discussion about unity happened at Willingen. Willingen *was* unity. Transcending all our differences of race, nationality, tradition, theological expression, ecclesiasticism was our oneness in Christ. We knew a solidarity of loyalty, purpose, concern and service.

To me Willingen demonstrated that much of our discussion about Unity is premature emphasising our points of difference with the result that the churches are losing some of the ground they had gained.

I cannot help but feel that if we would allow the great co-operative acts of the churches such as World Church Service; Inter-Church Aid; Orphaned Missions; Chaplaincy Service; Interdenominational and International projects to speak for themselves we should walk more speedily the ecumenical way than by the abortive discussions which have characterized the recent ecumenial conferences.

Conference On Faith And Order, Lund, Sweden

"The division which Christ will bring about at the end of the world, will go through all churches. None of the churches assembled here can count upon remaining undivided then. . . . Let us hurry forward on our way through the world and not stand still and not look back. Let us live by expectation instead of digging ourselves into the past. Let us tear away our eyes from the hardened one-sidedness of those historical events in which the division of the Church once took place. Let us direct our eyes towards the much deeper division which the Returning Lord will effect in all churches, and upon the unity of the eternal splendors which He will bring with Him."

—Professor Dr. Edmund Schlink, Evangelical Church in Germany,
World Council of Churches release.

"I Commend Unto You — Our Sister"

From St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans Chapter 16 verse 1

ON October 4th without sickness or suffering our dear friend and close associate, Miss Bessie MacMurchy was suddenly taken from us. In thinking of her it seems impossible to separate her from other people. She was never 'a woman alone'. One sees her first in the setting of a gracious and hospitable home with her two sisters; Dr. Helen MacMurchy who was one of Toronto's first and best-known woman doctors and did so much through her complete capability and perseverance to remove the prejudice against women having an equality with men in that noble profession, — and Marjorie, the late Lady Willison, journalist, literary critic and author. A visitor from Scotland said of the MacMurchy home "It was the first place in Canada that made us feel homesick. It was just a little bit of Edinburgh."

Miss Bessie MacMurchy

That background of true Christian culture made itself felt in every contact made by Miss MacMurchy in her long and useful life. We see her next among the Canadian nurses in England and France during the first world war and remember her thankfulness that her training in one of New York's best hospitals enabled her to give such valuable assistance in her country's time of need. Pressure of other duties prevented her from continuing long in the nursing profession though in it as in everything else undertaken she had made her mark. Miss MacMurchy also served her country in the field of politics. She was a staunch Conservative and past president of the Rosedale Women's Progressive Conservative Association.

The absorbing interest of her life was The Presbyterian Church in Canada and its Missionary Boards. Had she lived a few months longer she would have completed sixty years of service. Here again we associate her with others who worked untiringly together through the most trying years in its history —Mrs. H. R Horne, Mrs. D. T. L. McKerroll, Mrs. Daniel Strachan—of these outstanding leaders Miss MacMurchy was spared to us the longest, and in active service until the last day of her life.

The bright facets of her mind and character fitted her to shine in many positions in our Church, its missionary societies and elsewhere. As far back as 1893 she was on the Executive Board of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. After amalgamation she was Corresponding Secretary, then President from 1932 to 1935. At the time of her passing she held three offices in the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) — Vice-President, International Secretary and Chairman of the Board of Trustees. During the years she strove to bring close relationship between the women of the Protestant denominations through the Interim and Inter-Board Committees which became the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada. She was Treasurer of these for twenty-two years receiving all the offerings which came in from the World Day of Prayer observance in Canada. The nation-wide broadcasts which prefaced the World Day of Prayer services were also her responsibility.

In the authorized version of the Bible, at the end of the Epistle to the Romans there is a finely printed note which reads in part 'written to the Romans . . . and sent by Phebe, servant of the church'. In the last chapter St. Paul asks the Romans 'that ye receive her in the Lord as becometh saints and that ye assist her in whatsoever business she hath need of you for she hath been a succourer of many and of myself also.' The revised version uses the words 'deaconess' and 'helper' instead of 'servant' and 'succourer'. To Phebe was entrusted the delivery of that most precious document. No doubt a deaconess in those times would be in touch with almost every branch of the Christian Church. And so it may be said of 'our sister' for her contacts were world-wide. As President of the Women's Union of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance she presided over women representing every country where there is a church within the Presbyterian faith and as International Secretary of our own Women's Missionary Society she wrote to other women's Boards in many lands, exchanged reports and magazines and kept us posted on all that was of mutual interest. Truly he will be missed and mourned around the whole wide earth.

St. Paul said of Phebe 'She was a true helper of many *and of myself also*'. Most of us can say that of Miss MacMurchy. She had such long and varied experience, such an innate and unerring sense of the fitness of things that whenever we needed to know the correct—the kind—the Christian action to take or word to speak we would ask and receive her wise and sympathetic advice. Her mind was always young and ever ready to 'entertain a new idea' and to explore the opening opportunities for expansion and advancement. How we shall miss her as consultant, as counsellor, as affectionate friend! We give thanks to Almighty God for all that she helped us to accomplish in His name and for the quickness of her passing to her reward—not as one who died but as though translated from a life of devotion here to higher service beyond. Those of us who were privileged to be in St. Andrew's, her own beloved church, on the afternoon of October 7th felt so comforted, so uplifted above all sadness of parting as we sang two familiar hymns and listened to the beautiful passages of Scripture and prayers. It was the sort of dignified simple service which 'our sister' loved best and as at the last we listened to the poignantly sweet strains of a Highland lament we knew that she was not, nor could ever be, far from us.

For her surviving and devoted sister, Dr. Helen after long illness so near the threshold of her future Home we pray that they may not long be separated, and to her relatives and many friends our hearts go out in loving and sincere sympathy.

Miss MacMurchy said once that she loved the verses of Scripture which were chosen for the completion of the tribute to Mrs. Strachan and would like to think that some day they might be used for herself and so we close on the same note of close association with those for whom she cared, and with whom she worked towards the bringing in of the Kingdom: 'O God, to us may grace be given to follow in their train'.

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? Or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart . . . He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his Salvation." (Psalm 24).

"Blessed are they that do his commandments that they may have right to the tree of life and enter through the gates into the city." (Revelation 22: 14).

"And this is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life." (I John 2: 25).

In loving remembrance prepared for the Council Executive by

—Muriel L. McMurrich.

National News Notes

THE Interim Principal and Matron at Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, are the **Rev. J. C. Eldon Andrews, B.A., B.D., M.Th., and Mrs. Andrews,** formerly of West China.

Of the five summer appointees serving our Society, four will be in the Missionary and Deaconess Training School this winter—**Misses Florence Goertzen** and **Lillian Reay,** beginning their third year—**Miss Barbara Harris,** her second year, and **Miss Norma Kennedy** beginning her first year. The fifth summer appointee, **Miss Edith West, B.A., B.Soc.,** has accepted a position with the Social Welfare Council of Windsor.

Miss Margaret Near, B.A., who was in charge of the Southern Saskatchewan Missionary Van during the past summer, has been appointed to work for the fall and winter months in Regina, under direction of Presbytery of Assiniboia.

Miss Marjorie MacKay, Peace River Presbytery Deaconess, accompanied by **Miss Barbara Harris.** student deaconess, conducted Vacation Schools in four centres along the Alaska highway—the farthest point being Muncho Lake, at mile 460. Read in the November issue of *The Glad Tidings* the interesting account of their trip.

Miss Catherine Watson, formerly of the Children's Centre, Vancouver, began her new duties at Tyndale House, Montreal on September 3rd.

Mrs. W. B. Leatherdale, after three months' leave of absence, has returned to her work as Hospital Visitor in Montreal.

Miss Hilda Blackwell reports that up to the end of June she had met twenty-one boats in Montreal and nine in Quebec, as well as numerous small freighters. Besides meeting boats Miss Blackwell spends many hours in the office forwarding names of newcomers to the various Churches across Canada.

Mrs. G. P. Louie of the Chinese Mission in Montreal, has been enjoying three months' leave of absence and has been renewing acquaintances on the Pacific coast.

Miss Grace Lee of the Chinese Mission in Victoria, left for Hong Kong by plane on August 10th. Her latest letter tells of her great joy in being with her family again. She says that the Churches are well attended and that she sees a greater interest now in the Churches than she did twenty-five years ago when she was home last.

It is interesting to note that members of the National staff directed or assisted at twenty-eight Vacation Schools and twelve camps.

Summer Work Across Canada

THE summer time is a time of special activity by National missionaries of the Women's Missionary Society. From Alberta to Ontario graduate and student deaconesses worked in areas which are best served when the weather allows easy travel.

Vacation Schools in the Peace River

Miss Marjory MacKay and Miss Barbara Harris worked together in the Peace River country this summer. Miss MacKay writes of her work:

"The venture up the Alaska Highway was a wonderful success. We were extremely busy from the morning of June 29 when we left Fort St. John until the evening of the 29th of July when we arrived once again in St. John.

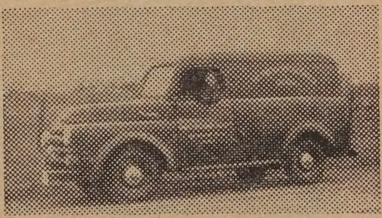
"The driving on the Highway is quite an adventure. Between Fort Nelson and Muncho Lake the road twists and turns every few minutes. Going around the corners you just hope a tanker isn't coming at 65 miles an hour on the wrong side of the road. On our way up bridges were washed out about Mile 600 so we didn't meet traffic going south. The scenery is magnificent especially driving through the mountains.

Miss Marjorie MacKay

"Muncho Lake is a very beautiful spot. We almost had to live on scenery as there was a shortage of food. Ration trucks hadn't been up for some time. However, with home made bread given to us by some ladies who live at the Camp and several cans of beans we had taken with us we survived.

"The school closed with a Sunday morning church service to which parents of the children came. They were interested in having a service. The children displayed their work and had a short programme after the service.

"We had a repeat performance in the Fort Nelson theatre. This school was much larger and with the help of Mrs. Bartlett we again, according to my humble opinion were quite successful.



One of the three W.M.S. vans in use in Western Canada

"The climax of this school was the closing picnic which was a huge success—and the parents of the children were very kind to us.

"The third school was at Sikanni Camp—Mile 163. This Camp is also a very beautiful spot on the Sikanni River.

"The last school was at Blueberry, Mile 101. This is one of the best Camps on the Highway and also a most interested group of children who wanted to have classes morning, afternoon and evening.

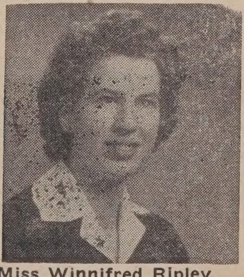
"I found the people in all Camps very friendly, interested and cooperative. Although we were very busy all day long and part of the night, because of the genuine interest on the part of the people, one didn't have the feeling of exhaustion at the end of the day.

"We certainly enjoyed the work along the Highway and I feel it is something which should be continued."

Red Deer Presbytery

The van in Red Deer Presbytery was in charge of Miss Winnifred Ripley with Miss Norma Kennedy assisting. Sunday Schools and visiting, camp and Vacation Bible Schools filled the summer. Miss Ripley writes of one of the schools:

"We have just finished a heavy Vacation School in Rocky with approximately 85 children. It was a very successful school. We were able to bring children in from three country districts. In one district the parents take turns bringing them in, and we had one of the men from town bring some more in, then we used the van to bring others in. The children from he country especially appreciate the opportunity I think."



Miss Winnifred Ripley

Southern Saskatchewan

Miss Margaret Near and Miss Edith West who operate the van in Southern Saskatchewan tell of their work in the following reports.

"The work of the van during the month of June covered the two most extreme points in Southern

Miss Margaret Near, B.A.

Saskatchewan. We began the month in the Ridge Cliff-Divide field. The work there involved taking services and visiting. The homes in that area are so spread out that it was necessary to cover great distances to visit all the people."

The early part of July the girls were among Hungarian people in the Bekevar area.

"In the short time that we have been here, we have come to know the people well, through their church, in their homes, and by attending the Bekevar picnic, which quite understandably was one of the highlights of the year.

"Each day we have been conducting Vacation Bible School for the children, However, as we have been in four areas, during the week it has meant that we have been able to spend very little time with each group of children.

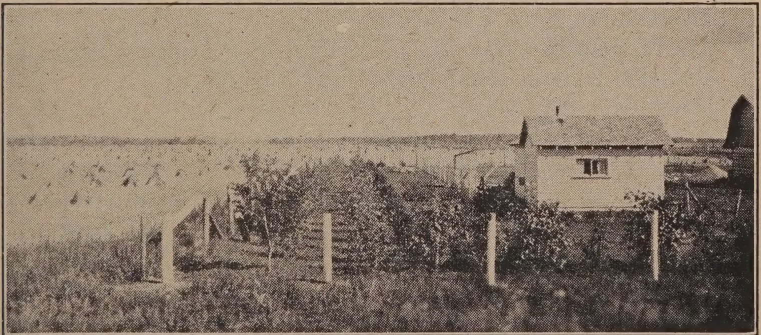
"Next week we are going to Round Lake in the Qu'Appelle valley near Whitewood, where we will have a combination Vacation Bible School and summer camp. Two of the families have kindly offered us the use of their cottage for the week, and some of the ladies have offered their assistance. I think the project is quite promising and I hope the weather will be favourable.

"As you know during the time prior to summer school our work consisted of visiting rural families, shut-ins and hospitals. I feel that we have been able to become acquainted with the people to an extent that would have been impossible in any other way."

Regina

After spending a month in the spring on the van with Miss Near in Southern Saskatchewan, Miss Lillian Reay worked in Regina.

New housing areas in that city received a large part of Miss Reay's attention. Vacation Bible Schools and camp were again part of the programme. By visiting in homes and in hospitals, assisting in the regular services of the church,



Special summer work is in rural areas—scene in the Peace River sharing in Young People's meetings, Miss Reay laid ground work for the extention of Presbyterian work in Regina.

Temiskaming

Miss Florence Goertzen worked in Temiskaming. Your Editor had a pleasant week-end at camp in Timmins during this time. We were all very grateful for Miss Goertzen's presence.

"During the months of May and June the work of the student deaconess in this Presbytery consisted mainly of visitation. One week of May and two weeks in June were spent in New Liskeard, visiting the sick and those who had not been to church for some time.

"A survey of Kapuskasing was started in May and continued in June. One evening church service was conducted in Cochrane. I spoke to the congregation in Kirkland Lake in June.

"The W.M.S. Auxiliaries in Englehart, Tomstown, New Liskeard and also the Mission Bands in Englehart and New Liskeard were visited. A Young People's week-end camp was held the last week-end in June. Fifteen young people attended the camp. The student deaconess helped with the discussion group, and took charge of kitchen duties when the cook became ill.

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Africa: Contrasts and Conflicts

A Review by John McNab, D.D.

Africa: Contrasts and Conflicts. Study book for the W.M.S. (W.D).
By Louise A. Reith. Price 75c. 41 pp.

AFRICA is the land where Robert Moffat, David Livingstone, Mary Slessor and Albert Schweitzer have done outstanding missionary work. To-day it is headline news and is considered to be the greatest field of opportunity for missionary effort. There is a population of 200 millions, but there are 800 languages, which makes missionary work most difficult. Add to this the fact that 93% of that population can neither read nor write.

This continent has been selected for study during 1953 not only by the W.M.S. of Canada but by many of the world's great Churches. Miss Louise Reith has gathered together a splendid sum-

—Religious News Service Photo

"The World for Christ"

mary of the critical conditions that prevail in many parts of that land.

There are six chapters and the question of race discrimination and race opportunity is sketched in the first. We realize how fortunate we are to have been born white when we learn that among the other missions of the world only one in four has been given a chance to read and write. However, these underdeveloped people are now on the march and the author points out that it was the Spirit of God, not Communism, that started them on their upward striving.

Africa has great possibilities. It has the greatest water power of any continent, even greater than North America. It has the greatest diamond and gold mines in the world. It has undeveloped resources of land that could make it the granary of Europe. There are many great problems. With industrialization the native Africans are moving toward the mines and as they leave their tribal gods and native homes they have no moral sanctions in their lives. The religions are Animism, Mohammedism, Communism and Christianity. One would have liked that the author had taken more notice of the Moslem impact upon that great continent.

The African faces the curses of drink, gambling, and immorality as he comes into contact with the present industrialization of his country. Fifty per cent of the men and women living together in some industrial villages are living outside wedlock.

The Christian missionary movement in Africa lacks sufficient funds to give the natives even a rudimentary grasp of the fundamentals of the Christian faith. But the money can be found for this work if the Church cares enough. The African Christians are themselves undertaking an increasing amount of responsibility and the native ministers are serving at only one-third of what they could earn if they turned to other skills or professions. The whole land needs technical assistance and the forces of Christianity should help these people who have been slaves to ignorance and superstition for so many years.

This book is an admirable piece of research written specially for the Women's Missionary Society (W.D.). Miss Reith has shown fine social vision and has fearlessly applied her lessons so that the women of our churches may be awakened to the need of reclaiming a continent lost in poverty and ignorance

Overseas News Notes

Miss Hazel Macdonald has arrived in Taipei and a note from her to-day states that she had a most interesting trip from Ethiopia and is delighted to be in Taiwan at last. Mr. deGroot met her in Hong Kong and Miss Hermanson was on hand at Keelung and welcomed her to the Island.

A letter from **Miss Margaret Kennedy** tells us that at long last the Indian-type house is being built at Balkhar. This will be Miss Kennedy's headquarters when she is working in the area of Khalgat, Balkhar and Barwani.

Teacher Training

MISS Irene Stringer has been in charge of special teacher training classes on the Bhil field for several years. We read her story about the "boys" in last April's magazine. In a letter to Miss Pelton, Miss Stringer tells us of the beginning of a new year.

I have seven in my class, all for the whole year course.

Most of the time this year I am doing five hours' steady teaching, so with preparation there is not much time. I have taken on a little extra task, too, helping a couple of lads who are studying extra-murally. One is George Cyril. He failed his matriculation last year but considering that only two hundred passed out of two thousand in the whole of Madhaya Bharat I suppose he cannot be blamed too much. Authorities have considered that there must have been something wrong in the marking and so are giving all who failed in one or two subjects the chance to try again. At first they said they could not unless they took the new course beginning this year so George was in despair of ever getting it.

It would have been very hard as Sanskirt has been made a compulsory subject in the whole high school work. However, now he is hard at it again. I am so glad as I think he is one of, or really the most hopeful one for the theological course and we are so in need of young men in the ministry. The other one Jalal Masih has just filled in all his papers to try his B.A. in March so he will be off to the seminary next year. He is a good boy but hasn't the leadership abilities that George has, when he gets some of the bumps smoothed a bit. Time for that as he is only eighteen. Wilson is very happy in his college work and doing very well.

First Impressions

BY MARGARET MACKENZIE

IT is a beautiful island. The people are lovable. The opportunities are tremendous. Not knowing the lanquage is frustrating. There are not enough hours in the day nor days in the week. This house is a mansion and certainly provides us with physical exercise.

The school opened to-day and the round of activity seems to be on the march. Language study commenced to-day. I am studying Mandarin five hours a day and working in the kindergarten from ten in the morning to twelve. I am practicing my language on my colleagues much to their distraction and I believe they are praying for a rapid increase in my vocabulary.

The possibilities for a kindergarten centre here are good—in fact very good. I have been speaking with some of the girls in the school and they are interested in taking up kindergarten work. If we are to sponsor a kindergarten teacher training centre and demonstration centre it will be necessary for us to set up immediately a properly equipped place. Mrs. Cheng who has been operating the kindergarten has been on my heels almost constantly for new ideas, methods and help. Last week to start with we painted the existing furniture and hung pictures to cover the walls. I've arranged my programme so that I will study language from 8.00 to 10.00 a.m., in the kindergarten from 10.00 to 12.00, then language from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. This will leave the late part of the afternoon for group work in the Girls' School and the evenings for helping Mrs. Cheng and others with the kindergarten programme and cutting, etc., including music. If I can carry this much for this year by the end of the year I should have enough language to start the training school in motion and some of the ground work will have been accomplished. The school is working towards setting up a Special Department (they have a fancy Formosan name for it) to cover music, art, household science and kindergarten training. These people will be High School graduates.

The church kindergarten in Taipei are dogging me for ideas and help, too, so perhaps evening classes could be arranged for some of the people working and they might be able to send candidates to the training centre for their instruction. It would be to advantage if some of the girls in our Bible School in Taipei Theological College could take a short course in the kindergarten centre and then when they go out to their various posts they could start kindergartens. It would be ideal!

The requests for English teaching are numerous. I am teaching in the Mandarin Sunday Schools helping with the music and memorizing the Golden Texts with the children.

Gerry and I travelled with Mrs. Dickson one week-end. It was quite an experience! Leprosariums and prisons and out-door Sunday Schools, babies' homes and orphanages.

—Pelton

A scene in Taiwan
"It is a beautiful Island"

Twenty million Chinese in South-east Asia are still outside the Bamboo Curtain. Among these free Chinese we have open doors for doing missionary work. Scores of former China missionaries are already preaching and teaching among them.

They are in Thailand, French Indo-China, Burma, Malaya, Indonesia, British North Borneo, and the Philippines.

Though some missionary work has been done among them in general, only a small percentage of them are as yet Christians. There is room for more missionary workers among them. Their hearts are open to the Gospel.

—Christian World Facts.

A Day With Mrs. Gehman

THE day starts at 6 a.m. with quick breakfast and chapel prayers then to the Public Health office and prayers again as in all departments of the hospital with staff and students, and for the patients. Students bring their five-minute health talks which they have prepared for clinics and roadsides for my approval—or it may be the detailed care study they are doing on some patient. Then a ward aide or maybe a peon comes for milk powder which we give out to those in greatest need. A widow comes and says there has been no smoke in her house for three days—which means she and her children have had nothing to eat during that interval. We try to meet her immediate need and get her work. Next it is time for Tamil lesson—and all the time my mind is on the tasks to be done. After this comes a trip to the ward to confer with the students doing care studies on a patient they've chosen and to see how they are getting along with their health teaching. Then to the classroom to teach Public Health or Preventive medicine after which comes dinner and a rest in the heat of the day—another class to be taught at 3 p.m. followed by tea and home visiting with one of the staff or students.

—Palmer

Mrs. L. W. Gehman, Reg.N., B.Sc.

Home visiting is both satisfying and depressing. We all enjoy being of service if it is only to direct a patient to our hospital where help for body and soul awaits him. It is sad to see so much of superstition—the family gods in their little alcoves, fed, worshipped and feared, children given harmful medicines by the local quack. The stone rice crusher dressed and put in the baby's cradle before the baby is put in to assure long life for the child. The round black mark painted on foreheads lest an evil eye cause some harm. It is sad, too, to see so many emaciated bodies and not to be able to supply their need.

I wish you could see a little ten-year-old boy who haunts our door-step each day in the hope we will give some rice or milk for his little brother or big brother now dying of tuberculosis in the home. His mother is a widow and a coolie working for eight annas a day. He is so very thin and he gives us the sweetest smile in return for food. The older brother is trying to keep his brothers from getting tuberculosis by following our teaching. It is usually 7 p.m. when records are put away and we lock the door. Evenings are spent in preparing classes to be taught on the morrow, reading book reports, etc.

It is satisfying to see our nurses and students so interested in the suffering we find in the homes and it is joy to work with them in helping the patient solve his problems. Wednesdays are exhausting days to me. It is Kavanur clinic day. About 9 a.m. Mr. Tyndall unhooks the trailer and drives off in the jeep for the doctor while we load the trailer with supplies for our rural centre fourteen miles away. At 9.30 a.m. the jeep leaves our Public Health office with the doctor, myself and usually some patient. On our way we stop for two leprosy roadside clinics, give injections and do treatments after having prayer. It is usually midday when we arrive at Kavanur. A bell is rung and we all enter chapel for a short service. Leprosy patients (sometimes 100 or more) sit on one side of the chapel and other patients on the other side. We work till three or four in the afternoon then I eat Indian food with our supervisor and students—go over care studies with the students and talk over problems and plans with the staff. Here, too, the need is very great. People who were once well to do are now starving because of monsoon failure in the last five years. Last week two nurses had four home deliveries and no food—nothing for the babies or mothers and I received an urgent note from Aleykutty (supervising nurse) asking me to bring all the old saris and food I could find on the next Wednesday, and somehow Saramma, one of our school of nursing Sisters always finds the saris for me. We always come back to Vellore very tired but feeling the day has been very worthwhile. The people with whom we work need a Saviour and they need our help for how can the starving believe in a God who loves them?

—Gehman

Patients at door of Vellore Hospital

Prayer

FATHER of all mercies, in Thine infinitive love and compassion, bless all who come to Thee in faith and prayer, bowing before Thee in humble adoration and reverence as they acknowledge Thee to be their Lord and King, the mighty God of Gods, and the redeeming Saviour of us all. We thank Thee for all Thy wondrous gifts throughout our years of living, but most of all we thank Thee for Thy Greatest Gift, for Jesus Christ, Thine only Son, Who came down from Heaven to die upon the Cross of shame and suffering that we might live, and enter into Life eternal through His love and sacrifice. O, God, let us never forget the pain He bore for us, or fail to feel His living presence with us every hour. Strengthen our vision and our faith that we may never falter in our loyalty and service to His cause, and open our eyes to our own failures and unworthiness. Reveal to us, we beseech Thee, the task that we may do for Thee, and give unto each one of us the courage and unquestioning trust to seek to follow Thee, wherever Thou dost lead.

Our Father, in this special month of our remembering, we would cherish even more deeply in our hearts the undying memories of those brave men and women whose young lives and hopes were so freely given in the battles of land and sea and air, that civilization might not perish from this earth, and that we who remained might live in peace and freedom. We thank Thee for them all, dear Lord, and humbly pray that we may ever be worthy of the sacrifice they made for us; that we may endeavour always to uphold and bring to pass those high ideals for which they died. Bless and comfort, as only Thou canst do, all those who sorrow for them, and for whom the years have been long and lonely since their going. Fill their hearts with hope and pride, and the deep realization that these have not died in vain, but that their names shall truly live forevermore. We entreat Thee, O loving and all-powerful God, to speed the day when wars will be no more; when Thy peace and justice may prevail, and brotherly love and understanding come into the lives of all Thy peoples everywhere.

For Thy Church in all the world, we earnestly ask Thy guidance and Thy blessing, remembering especially our own beloved Church and all who work therein. Richly endow our ministers and missionaries with Thy love and power, giving unto each, according to each individual need, the courage to stand fast in the firmness and knowledge and faith as they seek to build Thy kingdom in the hearts and minds of those whose lives they touch, and to proclaim the message of salvation through the risen Christ, Whose name they bear. Grant unto our Women's Missionary Society and all its members, faithful hearts to do Thy will, and bless the aims and projects which they seek to carry-out for Thee.

We ask it all in Jesus name, Amen.

The Editorial Committee feels that you would wish to know that the Prayers for the past eleven months have been written by Mrs. Arthur Cherry. We appreciate this contribution to our magazine.

New Church Building Dedicated

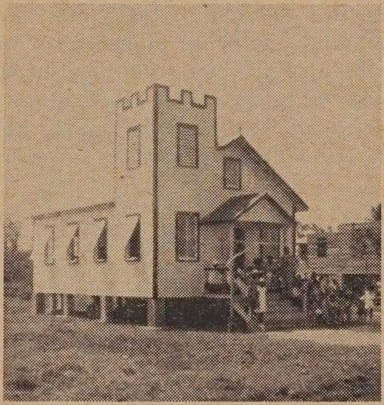
BY MARGARET RAMSAY

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the House of the Lord."

TRULY the hearts of the people of the Uniform congregation on the Island of Leguan in British Guiana could echo the words of the Psalmist, for on May 4th, 1952, they were able to enter into their new church building with praise and thanksgiving. The old building had been an eye-sore and a heart-break for many years, but now a new edifice was completed and dedicated to the worship of God.

This building, made from the very durable greenheart wood and with an aluminum-sheet roof should last for many, many years. This was made possible by gifts from the Board of Missions and a legacy from Knox Church, Toronto, Senior Auxiliary of the Women's Missionary Society, and donations from members and friends of the congregation.

Mrs. Forbes, wife of the District Commissioner of Leguan, opened the building, and the service of thanksgiving, dedication and praise was conducted by members of the Mission staff in British Guiana.



New Church at Uniform, British Guiana

Special gifts for the interior furnishing of the church and a pulpit Bible were received and dedicated at this service and the large gathering of members and friends of the congregation testified that "the Lord hath done great things for us whereof we are glad."

New Prices For Life Membership Pins

We would draw your attention to the announcement of W.M.S. Life Membership Pins on page 479. This month, new prices are quoted on Life Membership Pins, gold—Honorary Membership Pins, and new bar to old Life Membership Pins.

Balkhar House

BY MARGARET KENNEDY

I'M overlooking the mango grove, seated in the faithful jeep station wagon. Just to my right there ariseth the walls of a house, balls of mud are being kneaded by women and are being plopped on the wall by men. The walls are about four feet high and one and a half feet thick and the wooden uprights rise from them, supporting the roof three-quarters of which has tiles on it. The only catch in this beautiful scene is that Kegli bai and I arrived expecting to go into residence and our beds, pots, pans, tables and chair look somewhat gypsy-like on that part of the house platform which will be the back verandah.

However we have tied a blanket above the wall to shelter us from the steady west wind and my screen, instead of gracing the "living room" by shutting off the wash basin section, now forms our wall to the south. Sadiya Bhai has gone looking for some bamboo mats to help complete our enclosure before night falls.

Anyway, after two and a half years of hoping, this house indubitably is in the process of being and when I saw its half finished condition this morning, I thought here I am and here I stay and I will not go back to the Khalghat Dak bungalo. Kegli bai has a fire going between three stoves in our little corner and we have had a fine lunch of dal and roti. Cyril has four men back on the road somewhere fixing up some of the worst places the poor car had to bump over.

Miss Margaret Kennedy

Kegli bai is calling me to tell her how I want some beans cooked so I'd better go.

Christmas Service Of Worship

Next month there will be a Christmas service of worship for use in Auxiliaries or other Christmas services. Miss Lily Macarthur has prepared this for us. We hope this announcement may help Auxiliaries plan ahead of time to make use of it.

A Witness

STEPHEN SHIH came into our office the other day. His arrival culminated long months of planning, of waiting, of prayer for guidance.

We had looked forward to seeing this young man whose name has been before us for four years. Miss Pelton had met him when she was in China in 1949. In that year Reverend Eldon Andrews, then teaching in the Tien Nan Middle School in Kunming, wrote about Shih-ti-San (*Glad Tidings* Sept. 1949). He spoke of him as one of the most promising students in the school at that time. He told, too, of the suffering of this lad, who was called Stephen in English. "His English name was chosen for its Christian significance and for its general resemblance to the sound of his name in Chinese."

What does one expect when one knows they are going to meet a boy—in years—but a man in experience and suffering? I hardly knew except that I was quite self-conscious. I was conscious of the fact that the lad whom we as a Society hope to help to acquire education, was one who knew what it meant to suffer for his faith—as I, a woman brought up in a land which God has spared from the ravages of war and hate and poverty, had never known and could scarcely imagine. I know that anticipation of meeting him challenged me to question how much my heritage of the Christian way of life meant to me in terms of devotion and sacrifice.

Stephen Shih with Miss Pelton on the morning of his arrival.

Whatever may have been our thoughts that morning, we were hardly prepared for the entrance into a committee meeting of a tall slim young man, who smiling broadly, acknowledged each introduction—(it was a large committee) with a quick bow. As the committee dispersed, he chatted easily and still with that friendly smile to several of the members. To them he expressed his gratitude for the support of the Society. When Miss Pelton indicated that the Editor wished an interview, he smiled again and hoped that he might be able to speak adequately. It was hard to believe that on this young body and in this young mind were marks made by men who tried to crush a living faith, a hope of salvation, by use of physical torture.

Our interview was brief. The trip from Hong Kong had been a pleasant one. In Vancouver he had been met by Miss Yeandle and some Chinese friends and had been taken all over the city. "I was so warmly received there," he said—"everyone was most kind." We sensed from his account of his travels—that the end of his journey—Hamilton and McMaster University was most important in his thinking. Here he has great hopes of succeeding in training in a profession which he may dedicate to his Lord and Master.

Stephen spoke briefly of his past life. He spoke of the influence Dr. Robert McClure, a Canadian medical missionary, had upon his whole family. They all became Christian when he was seven years old. "After that I discovered and believed that life would be much more interesting, much fuller and more worthwhile if it was lived in the service of the Master." The war with Japan came upon them when he was quite young. His family lived in North China. They fled before the Japanese armies. They became separated as Mr. Andrew's story in the September 1949 *Glad Tidings* tells. Stephen reached Kunming where he became a student in the Tien Nan Middle School. To Mr. Andrews and the staff of that school the young Chinese man owes much for their support and friendship in years which were not easy.

Now Stephen is in Canada. On that bright sunny autumn day he was to motor to Hamilton to begin a new phase of his life. "Where do you hope to work when you finish your university training Stephen?"

"My faith is in God. Trusting in Him, I do not mind what part of the world I serve."

—*M.E.W.*

Take us on the quest of Beauty, Poet Seer of Galilee,
Making all our dreams creative, through their fellowship with Thee.
Take us on the quest of Knowledge, clearest Thinker man has known!
Make our minds sincere and patient, satisfied with Truth alone.
Take us on the quest of Service, kingly Servant of man's needs!
Let us work with Thee for others, anywhere Thy purpose leads.
All along our quest's far pathways, Christ our Leader and our Guide,
Make us conscious of Thy presence, walking always at our side. Amen.

—*The Living Message.*

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Dedication Of A New Church

At last we've built it!
God's house!
We've dreamed about it, and the dream's come true;
And now it stands all beautiful and new,
And we, who've sacrificed and watched it grow,
Are close to tears. We love it so.

We enter softly,
Slowly . . . .
God in the midst of us. Our hearts embrace
The pews, the pulpit; now this holy place,
The candles, windows, carpets, carven door
Is part of us. Forevermore.

They must have felt this
Reverence . . . .
Abram beside his simple altar stone,
And countless worshippers the world has known
Who built for Thee a house. With them we cry,
''Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord most high''

What shall our prayer be?
''Father,
O grant that all who come to worship here
May feel Thee very close and very dear;
Make this the high resolve of every mind,
To walk with Thee. To serve mankind.

''And send Thy Spirit
Falling
Like cleansing fire, filling us with Thy might,
Strengthening our hands, setting our feet aright;
We dedicate our church, dear Lord, and then
We dedicate anew — our lives! Amen.''

—Margaret Chaplin Anderson.

A Trip To The Mountain People

BY MISS A. M. STAUNS, REG.N.

Foreword: Miss Hildur Hermanson, Reg.N.

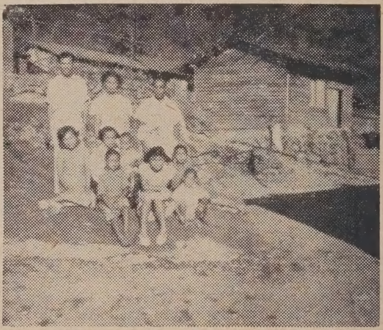
When Miss Stauns came back from Urai, she was so enthused with the work to be done there, that I said "write an article and I'll send it in to our W.M.S.", so this morning she brought this and asked me to type it for her. She also brought a few snaps taken when she was on the trip. The occasion was a week's evangelistic meetings at the little church and a theological student had asked me to go, but I could not fit it in with my schedule of classes, so Miss Stauns went in my place and gave some simple talks on hygiene, using material I had and it was interpreted into Japanese.

WHEN I came back from Urai, Miss Hermanson asked me to send you a greeting. Miss Hermanson was too busy to go, so I went in her place and it was a fine experience for me, who have always worked in a hospital.

I came to Formosa three months ago and my hope was to come in contact with the Chinese people from the mainland amongst whom I have been working for twenty-five years in the Danish Mission Society's Hospital in the city of Hutung, Manchuria. Now I have promised to help in the Mackay Memorial Hospital for one year and I hope you will be able to send doctors and nurses out from your own Mission later on.

We are in great need for a training school for nurses, but it should be State registered and many improvements have to be made before that can be done.

But I must tell you a little about my trip to the mountains:



—Stauns

The First Christian Family —the home of Mrs. Yin

It was a beautiful day. I entered the bus with a Taiwanese Theological student who was to be my interpreter. It took about one and a half hours to go to Urai, where we spent two days with the mountain people. We were guests in Mrs. Yin's home. She was the first Christian and afterwards her family, relatives and neighbours became Christians. It was good to meet such a fine Christian woman. She made good food for us and at night we all slept together on their "kang" with the whole family and at meals we had the company of their dogs, goats, chickens and so forth.

The meetings were held in their little church and I was asked to give lectures in hygiene and it was much needed. The evangelist preached the Gospel, and we had a great gathering of men, women and children every day and when we left they asked us to come again.

God has much work that has to be done here in Formosa. Pray for us that we must be live followers of Him who gave His life for us.

In The Sweepings — A Piece Of Silver

BY HUGH A. MACMILLAN, PH.D. (EDIN.)

IN Tamsui, about the time of China's lunar new year, 1952, there passed away, at the age of seventy-five, one well known to many—one of the "Saints of Formosa". Mrs. Lien, known best by the name "M-A". (To pronounce her name, you close your lips, and smile, and hum the "M".) The sound of the name is an harmonious one, and M-a herself was harmonious of soul.

As a little girl, M-a, according to Chinese custom, had to suffer foot-binding and she bore the marks in life-long lameness. While still all too young, she was married off to one who became an opium smoker and who squandered their living. M-a then became the main support of her husband and of her family and also of four children of a relative of her husband's who died in debauchery. She was a willing worker but jobs were scarce. A Formosan minister who came to know of her plight and her pluck found her a washerwoman's job in the Mackay Memorial Hospital. But that was not all he did. He also kept "bothering her" about becoming a Christian. But how could she? she thought. No decent living, no learning, no leisure! However, one night in her semisleeplessness, she saw a "very, very bright light", and she took it as a

—MacMillan

Mrs. Lien

sign and answer to the minister's incessant appeal. About that time she became an Ama in the home of Dr. Duncan MacLeod, which was in the hospital compound.

These things M-a told her family, her daughter-in-law and her grandchildren who surrounded her before she left them the following day for what she called her "heavenly home". Her words, they will never forget.

At different times M-a served in several foreign families; of missionaries, of business men, and of diplomats. To all their children she became like an admiring grandmother, as if the little ones were her very own. And her "grandchildren", on hearing of her death, or the mention of her name, though now grown up, see her again through tears of joy and sorrow.

A foreign business man and his wife who had much trouble with Amas once said, "Our children always cry with every Ama." "Get M-a", a foreign diplomat advised, "and their crying will turn to smiles".

In one of many conversations with M-a, I expressed amazement at her insight into theological and social problems and her methods of solution. (In her spare hours she was always on the go visiting troubled folk in their poverty and their illnesses.) But she checked my words with a characteristic wave of her hand, saying, "Oh, what do I know about these things? One like me—one swept up out of the dust of the streets. It's God's love that can show us the solution of every problem, and I'm only thankful that I caught a little glimpse of that light."

A conference on African affairs was held at Springfield, Ohio, under the auspices of the Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches. More than three hundred delegates were in attendance. The United States with its fifteen million negroes, Dr. Emory Ross told the Assembly, possesses perhaps the greatest potential influence on Africa of any country in the world, but very little, he said, is being done to utilize this great American resource. American negroes, Dr. Ross said, are as ignorant and apathetic about actually aiding Africans as are most white Americans. Africa, Dr. Ross says, has more Christians than any of the so-called non-Christian lands. More than twenty-one million Africans profess Christianity. There are eight thousand Protestant missionaries in Africa, and Christian missions—Protestant and Roman Catholic—account for almost eighty-five per cent of all the education carried on in Africa. Dr. Emory Ross is executive Secretary of the African Committee of the Foreign Missions Division of the National Council of Churches in the United States.

—*World Christian News.*

Student Work In South America

DURING the past months the thoughts of many Auxiliaries have centred in South America. As we have thought of South America and the Christian work being done there we have watched with particular interest the work of the Student Christian Movement. It was with "particular" interest because ever since 1943 our Women's Missionary Society has contributed to the work of the S.C.M. in South America.

The development of the work of that organization during the past few years was described by Monsieur Philippe Maury, the present Secretary of the World Student Christian Federation, to a meeting of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada held in September at the Canadian School of Missions. The story Monsieur Maury had to tell was an encouraging one. He had just come from a visit to South America where he had attended a conference of S.C.M. leaders held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and he described the growth of that Movement there as "an achievement—nothing to be proud of, but a weapon for the Church."

The Christian witness of the S.C.M. in South America is a very necessary and important one as on the whole the Protestant Church is not equipped to deal with the intellectuals and therefore that special task falls to the S.C.M. In South American university life there is a complete spiritual vacuum as the teaching is entirely secular and the final test of success is material advancement. Frightened by this spiritual vacuum the students are easily turned to Communism.

Monsieur Maury expressed appreciation of the steady help given by Canadian Mission Boards towards the assistance of the S.C.M. in South America and told of the development of the work since 1939 at which time there were only some contacts with a group working among High School students in Brazil. Now there are strong groups in Brazil, Uruguay, Chile, Argentina, Puerto Rico and beginnings in Peru, Paraguay, Bolivia, Mexico and contacts being made in other areas. Monsieur Maury referred to the work being done in Brazil by the part-time student secretary, Jorge Cesar Mota, towards whose support our Women's Missionary Society gave a grant of five hundred dollars. It is the responsibility of this secretary to keep in touch with some fifty local groups, edit books and magazines, keep up the work in the office and travel as much as possible. The value of Christian Literature for students was emphasized as well as the constant and urgent need for more and more. The appreciation of the grants given by Canadian Boards to make literature possible was warmly expressed, and the need for ever greater efforts was most clearly shown.

At the recent S.C.M. Conference in Sao Paulo sixty delegates representing ten countries attended. Of the sixty two definitely decided to be theological students. The value of the conference can be realized by the expressions of appreciation from the delegates. One said—"I will never be able to tell you what the conference has meant. For the first time I understand what salvation through Jesus Christ means." There was sincere desire for another conference as soon as possible and also for one of a more technical nature for theological students.

Speaking of the general work of the S.C.M. Monsieur Maury pointed out the growing effort to present the missionary task of the Church to its members and the growing response of young people, not only in the number offering for full time Christian service, but in those who are willing to go wherever their vocations may be of most value and to give a Christian witness through their daily work.

The urgent need to do what can be done in South America while the door is opened was emphasized and the need for the co-ordination of work and the co-operation of all Christians in assisting the Christian witness to South American students while the opportunity is offered, was made most clear to all who had the privilege of hearing Monsieur Maury.

—*Louise A. Reith.*

Inter-Church Service in Greek Villages has issued a report on its first year's work. This is a service in Greece organized by the Inter-Church Aid Department of the World Council of Churches. It is supported by churches in Sweden, Great Britain, and the United States. A five-man team has been working to help thirty-three poverty stricken villages in northwestern Greece. They have distributed eighty thousand dollars worth of emergency supplies provided by Church organizations. These included twenty-five tons of dried milk, seventeen and a half tons of cheese, five hundred cartons of soap, and more than thirty-four tons of clothing. The team's principal aim, however, has been to help the villagers help themselves. They have been directing the clearing of an old drainage tunnel which, when completed, will restore to cultivation some two hundred acres of land. They have rebuilt an old irrigation channel. A major project of the team has been agricultural education.

—*World Church News.*

Chinese Auxiliary, Windsor, Celebrate First Anniversary

BY CHARLOTTE FARRIS

THE Chinese Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, Windsor, celebrated its first anniversary with a tea party in the church hall, May 29th. Thirty Chinese women and children—most of them newcomers in the last two years—attended and about fifty members of the missionary groups of the church and other interested women of the congregation were their guests.

Receiving the guests at the door were Miss Anna Lee and Mrs. Diane Gene in Chinese costume as were a number of other Chinese girls who assisted at the tea tables. The tables were lovely with Chinese embroidered cloths centred by beautiful Chinese vases of pink and white carnations. The main table was lovely with a white Chinese linen hand-embroidered cloth, pink tapers and a Chinese bowl of pink carnations. In the centre was the birthday cake with its one pink candle.

An interesting display of Chinese handwork and pictures drew the admiration of the visitors. The convener of the tea, Miss May Lee, spoke of the happiness of the Chinese women here and of their gratitude for the interest of the Eleanor McKechnie Evening Auxiliary members, who help the women meeting at the church every two weeks for English study and worship. Miss Doris Bryant brought greetings from the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal, which she had visited recently, and pictures were taken of the group

First Anniversary Tea Party, Chinese Auxiliary. Windsor as the birthday cake was cut by Mrs. June Hong.

At one end of the tea table Mrs. King Lee served English tea, and at the other, Mrs. Joe Gan served Chinese tea. The latter was by far the most popular. An interesting assortment of Chinese cakes was served and everyone had a piece of birthday cake.

The ladies all had a good time together and the Chinese ladies felt that the church was making them welcome in granting its facilities for such an evening. There was no profit as the Chinese ladies were not interested in it during their planning. The planning committee contained members of the Eleanor McKechnie Auxiliary and the girls of the Chinese group who were most familiar with English and our ways of doing things.

Two Notes From India From Christian World Facts

To earn money to help others, Christian women in western India harvested peanuts, weeded fields, worked on roads, watered gardens, or pounded chutney. Those unable to do hard manual work did sewing or knitting, or fasted once a week, or did without meat for a month. They sent this hard-earned money to help Korean Christians.

Mogra was found abandoned on a brush heap a few days after her birth. She was brought to the baby ward at Jackman Memorial Mission Hospital, Bilaspur, India. That was eighteen years ago. Last fall she entered the nursing school at the hospital. Adopted by one of the Christian families in Bilaspur, Mogra grew up in an atmosphere that made her want to dedicate her life to Christian service.

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Board Of Missions

THE Executive of the General Board of Missions meets each September. The mission work of our Church is reviewed by Synod Conveners of Missions and by members who attend from across the country. During the day the Home Mission section and the Overseas, working separately, go over the work in their departments. At the evening meetings the whole group meets and decisions are made there. The Women's Missionary Society (W.D.) has four members on the Executive.

It is good to see the broad scope of the work our Church is doing throughout the world. An observer cannot but be thankful for the place the Canadian Presbyterian Church is taking in the world missionary enterprise. But the second thought that comes to our minds is a staggering one. To our General Board of Missions comes opportunities for service—but when they attempt to match the opportunities with money and with personnel, the blow falls. Thousands of dollars and hundreds of men and women are needed to meet the need. Lacking men and money the Board must regretfully say: "We are sorry we appreciate the need but we cannot possibly meet it." We feel that if every member of the Presbyterian Church could sit in these meetings—could feel the utter helplessness of those who desire to do the best for every cause, surely pocket books would be opened and the work more earnestly supported.

We attended the evening sessions. Consequently we heard Dr. Hugh A. and Mrs. MacMillan, Rev. F C. Knox, Mr. John Cheshire, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, report briefly to the Board. They spoke of their work, of the joys and sorrows they had in carrying out their mission. Miss MacMurchy spoke of the variety of work she had had in this past term in India, from Jobat Hospital to Vellore Christian Medical College to the Mid-India Board of Examiners where she lectured to nurses taking post-graduate work. Before she returned she inaugurated the work on the mobile medical units on the Bhil Field.

Dr. MacMillan thanked the Board for sending a delegation to the eightieth anniversary of Dr. George Leslie Mackay's going to Formosa. "The Eightieth anniversary was a time of looking back at a significant period in history and a time of looking ahead to challenging days. The people of Formosa would like a continuance of people from the home Church land coming to visit—either officially or on holiday. They would like to see more people from Formosa coming here to Canada for training. There is a great need for personnel and people for the nation itself can answer the need."

Mrs. MacMillan spoke of the witness made by the Mackay Memorial Hospital. She had been acting as business manager of the hospital and in Dr Cameron's words had served far beyond any call of duty. She urged that doctors and nurses be found to serve in the hospital. Christian teaching was carried on faithfully by Biblewomen as well as by staff personnel. It was of the utmost importance for the work in Formosa that standards be kept high both in the practice of medicine and in Christian teaching.

Miss Pelton reported on her trip to Willingen—to the International Missionary Council. We have read her account of her trip in the September *Glad Tidings*. To the Board of Missions she reported the specific findings of the meeting.

First the factors which weaken the Church's Mission:

—Mission too often is considered something apart from the main stream of the Church's life. Church members see missionary obligations as an elective rather than an integral part of their witness.

—The divisions of the Church militate against our witness to the younger Churches. The unity within the Protestant Church is not clear to the younger churches or to students who may be prospective candidates.

—The missions of the Church are not yet acting as partners in the field. The younger church wants to be trusted by the older church—but more than that there is a concern for the survival of the Church if and when missionaries have to withdraw.

—We have become bogged down in much of our missionary work. We have lost initiative and mobility.

Second: Willingen sent out a call or a directive to the Church:

—To make the Church's Mission obligation obligatory upon the whole Church.

—The call to unity.

—There is need to move out into new fields and new work and inspire the younger churches to expand their witness and take in their own missionary work.

—There is need for greater mobility of personnel and funds.

—The mission must be absorbed into the church on the field *i.e.* the mission we operate in Formosa is moving slowly but surely into the Presbyterian Church in Formosa.

Miss Pelton called upon the Board of Missions to consider the thoughts and decisions of Willingen in considering their own policy. She reminded us that an era in mission work had ended and that we must be prepared to-day to conduct our missionary work in a way which is adequate to the needs of the day.

—M.E.W.

From The Editor's Diary

Miss Bessie MacMurchy

A MORE eloquent pen than mine has written about Miss Bessie MacMurchy. But I must put into words something of the thoughts that come to my mind when I think of the life of this splendid woman. There are many in our Society who have known Miss MacMurchy for many years. Some of us who have more recently come actively into the work have not had that advantage of time. But we know a Miss MacMurchy who encouraged us with her praise, strengthened us with her criticism, delighted us with her wit, enthused us with her vision and inspired us with the witness she constantly made in her everyday life. We shall miss the call on the telephone or the visit in the office. "My dear, I just want to tell you how much I liked your article . . ." or if we had slipped from her standards: "My dear, I know you are a very busy person and perhaps you missed the point but . . ." These gentle criticisms always hurt for we realized most of all that we had disappointed someone who had faith in us.

Miss MacMurchy loved people. She had faith in them. We, who must carry on the task she so nobly performed may well remember that these are characteristics which our Lord and Master taught us. Miss MacMurchy has taught us how we should do our task. As long as the work of the Church moves forward in keeping with the time and with the will of God, Miss MacMurchy will live among us.

The Canadian School of Missions has announced that the Cody Lectures on Missions will be given by Henry Pitney Van Dusen, Ph.D., S.T.D., D.D., on November 3, 4, and 5, in Sheraton Hall, Wycliffe College, Toronto. The theme is "Missions and Essential Christian Unity".

Dr. Van Dusen is the author of: *The Plain Man Seeks for God, What Is The Church Doing?, They Found The Church There, World Christianity: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.*

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

"Africans On Safari"

DID you ever wish that you could visit a mission field? If you have you perhaps feel fairly certain that your wish will not actually come true. Although comparatively few may be able to visit a mission field all who can read may experience a visit to a mission field in Africa through the pages of AFRICANS ON SAFARI by Leslie C. Sayre.

The author, who is now Director of Adult Work for the Joint Commission on Missionary Education, was from 1937-1942 missionary superintendent of the Kanene District in the Belgian Congo and Principal of Springer Institute. Dr. Leslie C. Sayre knows Africa.

The word "safari" means a "journey" or "expedition" and the title "Africans on Safari" indicates that the book is a story of "Christian Africans journeying hopefully through life, sure of their Guide and destination."

Those who read AFRICANS ON SAFARI will go on an "expedition" in the company of the Rev. Phillip Camborne, a retired pastor, who goes to visit his sons in Africa, one connected with a gold mine company, the other a missionary. With Phillip Camborne readers will learn much of African life and Africa's problems; they will come to understand the African better and appreciate the great contribution being made by Christian Africans in advancing the cause of Christ as the life stories of several living Africans unfold.

AFRICANS ON SAFARI has been well described as "a sparkling study of Africans and their spiritual accomplishments—written by an on-the-scene observer." It is a book especially good for at-home reading and also is valuable for programme use.

As you read AFRICANS ON SAFARI you too can be "on safari" in Africa. Do not miss this worthwhile experience.

You can explore Africa further through other excellent reading books on Africa such as,—JUNGLES AHEAD by Esther D. Horner, six fascinating stories about young Africans "who have discovered that there is no jungle so dense that it cannot be penetrated with the Light that 'shineth in darkness'," and AFRICAN HERITAGE by Emory Ross, a factual book on Africa and the Christian Church there.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

The Auxiliary Annual Meeting

THE December Auxiliary meeting, being the last one of the year, must be your Annual Meeting. At this time each auxiliary should carefully review all that has been accomplished and perhaps too, admit to each other some weak spots or failures and the reasons for such. This should be done through a carefully prepared report from each person responsible for some phase of the auxiliary's work.

Many of these reports go farther afield than your own auxiliary. They go to Presbyterial secretaries—who again compile a report to go to the Synodical secretaries—who again compile a report for your Council Executive secretary. From these reports the material is gleaned which is printed in the Blue Book of your Society each year — that book which gives an over-all picture. Have you ever seen one of these Blue Books? There is at least one, if not two, sent to your auxiliary. Ask to see it. To compare your auxiliary's size and accomplishments with those in other parts of Canada is an interesting study. An auxiliary programme could well be spent on the Annual Report of the Society.

But let us do our part in its accurate preparation:—

Be sure each secretary in your auxiliary is asked in plenty of time to have her report ready.

Be sure it is read at the December meeting.

Be sure a copy is sent to the Presbyterial officer concerned at the right time.

Be sure your treasurer has all your envelopes in good time so that her report is complete when the December offering has been added. This last money has then to be sent *Promptly* to the Presbyterial treasurer along with the printed report form previously received.

Be sure the Recording Secretary's report is complete in every detail on the Presbyterial form—that it is sent promptly accompanied by a full and detailed account of the year's doings.

Since this year we are striving for new members, be sure to report your progress. If you have been successful in organizing a new branch of any kind—a Mission Band — an Explorer Group — a C.G.I.T. or another Auxiliary—that is important news. Complete the job by helping them with their their annual meeting and seeing that their reports go to the proper people on time. There were many vacant places last year because new groups did not understand year-end routine.

One thing more—the election of officers for 1953 should take place at this important meeting. Your nominating committee should be thinking ahead now. Some auxiliaries have been in the habit of electing the officers in January. This procedure delays the completion of your secretary's report form to the point of inconvenience to the Presbyterial secretary who is working to a deadline, and which in turn, delays the progression through the whole Society. Even one report not received on time causes trouble.

Does this programme spell a dull meeting for you? It need not do so if you find pride and satisfaction in a year's work well done. Give dignity, seriousness and importance to the election of officers by including in your programme an installation service by a special person.

Add to this the crowning feature at the very end—a very special worship period on the Christmas theme—the Christmas Story in pictures or a Candle Light Service or both with the joyousness of Christmas carols. (Set the tone of the Christmas season with suitable decorations.)

E. Luzetta McClelland.

YOUNG WOMEN

Miss Ellen V. Haw, Secretary, Young Women's Department
Miss Grace Irvine, Youth Secretary

THE young minister replaced the telephone receiver with an air of dejection. To Mrs. Phillips who had just entered the vestry, he remarked: "There's the fourth person I've contacted, and they're all too busy to consider the leadership of our Junior-Hi group."

Mrs. Phillips clicked sympathetically. "It's a shame that you should have to take that class for another year", she said. "I can't see why we have so little leadership in our church."

Suddenly the minister leaned forward in his chair. "I have it", he said. "Why didn't I think of it before? Mrs. Phillips, I want *you* to take that group."

"O, but I couldn't", Mrs. Phillips replied quickly. "I'm far too busy. Besides, I wouldn't know what to say to a group of teen-agers. Youngsters to-day are so advanced and I haven't done anything in the way of Bible Study since I was in Young People's Society."

"Mrs. Phillips", the minister said slowly, "you mentioned a few minutes ago the fact that we have so little adult leadership in our church. Would you like me to suggest a reason for this lack?" Mrs. Phillips nodded.

"There's no lack of ability among the members of this church. The majority of them hold responsible positions in business and professional life; they've shown themselves capable of adjusting to changing situations in their respective fields. The farmer attends his farm forum; the doctor reads his medical journal faithfully; and the school teacher and nurse take refresher courses."

"I— see", Mrs. Phillips said thoughtfully, "but spiritually we try to make our childhood interpretation of life fit our adult way of living, forgetting that the development of Christian personality is a life-long process."

. . . .

From that brief conversation with her minister, Mrs. Phillips went home to take stock. She hadn't intended to drift aimlessly, but how much time had she put into her own spiritual development during the past few years? She remembered with a deep sense of gratitude certain women who, in her youth, had been "carriers" of the Christian faith, who had, in fact, given her a new vision of her Christian responsibilities and opportunities. What force was she exerting on to-day's generation of teen-agers?

. . . .

It would be difficult to determine the extent of one woman's influence. Perhaps we are making extravagant claims when we say that Mrs. Phillip's thinking marked a new start in the life of her young women's group, leading them to a re-discovery of their place in the teaching work of the Church, and, later, to a study of the Bible.

As we say, we *may* be mistaken in tracing this turn of events in the group back to one woman we have an unshakable faith in the sacred gift of influence lying within each one of us. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened."

—*Grace Irvine.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

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Growing Up With Africa

THE thatched roof of the little bamboo-coloured church quivered with the triumphant sound of many voices raised in heartfelt praise. The song rose high above the waving palm leaves, and spread wide over all the village of thatched-roofed houses.

Sivayi Suku, Eye Fu,
Panduli ocisola cahe
Ulamba wahe wenda hu
Chenda yahe ka yi pui.

If we were in that village on a Sunday morning, we would be very surprised to hear a tune familiar to our ears. For this is "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow", sung in Umbundu, a native African tongue.

Could you imagine what the lives are like of the happy-faced girls who sing in the choir? Do you know anything about how the very young African minister received his education? And that little girl in the front row with her head all bandaged up—who do you suppose has been looking after her? Have you any idea what it would be like to be "growing-up" in Africa today?

Growing-up in Africa today is very different from growing-up in Canada. Probably when we finish our new mission study for this year called, "Growing Up With Africa", we'll have some idea just how different it is. It will probably come to us suddenly that teenage girls in Africa are just like us underneath — and they need the same things we do, and have the same kind of longings.

When you've had some of the skits and quizzes from the new mission study, and have made posters and model villages, and learned African games and songs—perhaps you will understand better your African sisters. So here's hoping that "Growing Up With Africa" will be a study that will help us all to grow up a little bit in our attitudes and knowledge of teenagers round the world. Here's hoping it will make us all more eager to help them become the teenagers "God would have them be."

—Helen Bricker.

To Leaders and Girls:

Once again we have a glimpse of C.G.I.T., of the meaning a girls' group can have. Once again it comes through National Camp. Lois Fishwick of Vancouver, British Columbia, is the writer who shares her experience at camp with us.

NATIONAL Camp—an experience in living. I want to write about the part of Camp which was most interesting to me but how can I pick out the best part of those three wonderful weeks?

Was it the trip itself, the grand scenery I saw on my way across Canada, from the Pacific Ocean and the Majestic Canadian Rockies to the lovely rolling hills and valleys of the Muskoka in Ontario, the beautiful camp at Kwasind,

Lois Fishwick

our home for the ten days we were at camp? Was it the never-to-be forgotten trip to Niagara?

Was it sixty-five girls gathered together from all across Canada with the same idea in mind? The new friendships made on the train and at camp; the meeting of various C.G.I.T. groups as they came to the train with delicious box lunches they had prepared for us, meeting for just a few minutes before we had to again board the train and be on our way?

At camp, was it the Council hours we spent together, discussing C.G.I.T problems and plans as they affect the different groups from the east and from the west, and our relationship to other groups in the Church? Every girl seemed to have something to contribute and it was surprising how a problem could be ironed out in a few seconds by one of the girls or a leader.

The Bible Study meant a great deal to me, explaining things about "Our Beliefs" which had always puzzled me before. It has made me want to continue to study and learn more about God, Jesus, The Trinity, Sacraments of the Church, etc.

The Interest groups were of great value. I belonged to the "How to have Fun" group, under the leadership of Miss Barbara Howard. This included such topics as Campcraft, Out-door Cooking, Handcraft, Leading Sing-songs, how to conduct games and other things which will help me when I advance in C.G.I.T. work.

Was it just the atmosphere of camp itself? The wonderful leaders, the way they joined us in all the things we did and yet how much knowledge and guidance they passed on. Was it the girls themselves? As the youngest girl in camp it was a privilege for me to be with such grand girls. Lots of fun, interesting to be with, yet deep down with a serious purpose in mind. There were, of course, the parts of camp which were "just fun". Swimming, games, picnic trips and so on.

I think, though, that of all the varied activities at camp I found the evening programmes most interesting. First of all the Vesper Services where for a little while each evening we studied on the topic of prayer. God seemed very close to us at this hour.

The programme which followed was varied and the leaders, overseas guests and girls all took part. The Amateur nights brought us closer together as the leaders and girls joined to make interesting programmes, some funny parts, some serious and all very good. We heard favourite songs of different provinces and it was surprising how many new songs we learned. On getting Acquainted nights the girls of each province presented a skit showing us what their province was noted for. The

International Nights were extra special, when we learned about other nations. The missionaries and overseas guests told us of their own countries and the missionary work being done. As they showed us by skits, songs and stories what life was like in Angola Portuguese East Africa, Formosa, Korea and India and the life of the teen-age girl there, the countries seemed to come alive to us. These programmes, more than anything else, made me realize how alike we all are, though of different denominations, from scattered parts of our country and the overseas nations, yet we are all one. The words of our new C.G.I.T. song "We're one with every Christian girl, in faith and liberty" seemed very real at this time in a way I will always remember.

—*Lois Fishwick.*

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The Christmas Story For Africa

DOREEN had news to tell and her skipping feet brought her in through the door with her pigtails almost straight out behind.

"Mother, mother where are you?"

"Here in the kitchen, dear, making your favourite lunch."

But Doreen had something much more exciting to talk about than lunch.

"We have a new girl in our class at school. Her name is Bella Jane and she has a black face and hands. Why is she black? Doesn't she wash?"

"God doesn't make us all the same," explained her mother. "Millions of people have yellow skins, millions have brown skins and many millions have black skins but God made them all and loves every one of them as much as He does you or me."

"I am glad I haven't a black face."

"Why Doreen?"

"Because some of the children won't play with Bella Jane. Some say she is dirty and some just say they don't like her."

"Do you like her?"

"I don't know," said Doreen hesitatingly, "but I think I do. She smiled at me and I smiled back. She can play hopscotch better than anyone."

"You just go right on liking Bella Jane and see what you can do to make her happy."

"She's good at games and it's fun to play with her."

Mother smiled at Doreen as she put the lunch on the table and after they had bowed their heads to ask a blessing on the food, she said, "I think I remember Miss

Robertson, your Mission Band leader telling me that you will be studying Africa at Mission Band this year. Long, long ago Bella Jane's great, great, great grandparents came from Africa where most of the people are black. I wonder if she wouldn't like to go to Mission Band with you tomorrow. I wouldn't be surprised if she would be very interested in learning about Africa."

Bella Jane's mother was very happy to have her go to Mission Band. Miss Robertson had such smiling eyes and gave the little girl a very warm welcome. She even asked Bella Jane to take up the collection the very first day. Now Bella Jane had no money to put on the plate like the others and it troubled her very much. When the meeting was over she shyly asked Miss Robertson what the money was for and what they did with it. When she heard that the money helped to send books to Africa to tell little black boys and girls about Jesus she decided to earn some so she would have a part next time. Bella Jane was very happy at Mission Band. The boys and girls were all kind to her and no one seemed to notice that her skin was any different from the rest. She was one of the most willing helpers Miss Robertson had.

One Mission Band day Miss Robertson began to talk about Christmas. There was to be a play and Bella Jane was to have a part. She was to be a shepherd. Doreen was to be one of the angel chorus. Doreen and Bella Jane couldn't talk of anything else but the play at school and on the way to Mission Band practice. Doreen's mother liked to sew and enjoyed making costumes for both little girls.

At last the great night arrived. Fathers and mothers were there and lots of other people too. Doreen's father and mother brought Bella Jane's parents with them. All the lights were out except one which shone on the hillside where Bella Jane and the other sheperds guarded their sheep. There was a hush. The old familiar story seemed fresh and new and every one thrilled to the story of the birth of Jesus, the Saviour. Bella Jane felt as if she were really on the hillside near Bethlehem and heard the angels sing "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Her happy little heart was full of praise and love as she knelt with the other shepherds at the manger to worship Jesus. She thought, "Many boys and girls in far away Africa have never heard about Jesus who came to show all the people in the world how much God loved them. Somehow I am going to help to tell them. Perhaps when I am grown up God might want me to go."

—J.S.W.

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THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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MEMBERS of the British Columbia Synodical Executive met at the home of the President, Mrs. W. J. Murdoch, to say farewell to Miss Catherine Watson, who is taking up work at Tyndale House, Montreal. Miss Watson has had charge of the children at the Children's Centre in Vancouver for the past five years, and has endeared herself to many who have been privileged to work with her. During the afternoon, Miss Watson was presented with a silver tray from members of the Executive who wish her the very best in her new field of labour.

Westminster Presbyterial — At the May meeting of **Prince Rupert** Auxiliary, Mrs. John Bremner was honoured in recognition of her long and faithful service. The Auxiliary has been thinking about the stricken Korean Christians, and during the summer recess collected 178 lbs. of used clothing to be sent to a missionary in Japan for distribution among the needy.

The Trudy Rollo C.G.I.T. group of Mount Pleasant Church, **Vancouver,** held a ''South American'' night for their closing meeting in June under the leadership of Miss Edith Mead. The girls in bright costumes held a quiz and presented the play ''Flight Leaving for British Guiana''. Slides of British Guiana were also shown.

ALBERTA

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A VERY interesting Presbyterial Executive meeting was held in First Church, **Edmonton,** in September with Mrs. J. Kelman, the President, presiding. All reports were encouraging. The Treasurer stated that the total amount sent to the Synodical Treasurer exceeded that of the previous year at this date. From the Supply Secretary's report we noted that Rev. J. Y. Garrett, on the Waywayseecappo Reserve, was well pleased with all the supplies received. Two quilts had been given to Rev. F. Metzger for use in the vans, a thoughtful suggestion of Mrs. Kelman. The Welcome and Welfare Secretary is doing a very thorough work visiting some of the newcomers, a work she enjoys; she also realizes the great need in that sphere. The Library Secretary reported that many magazines had been sent to the different hospitals, to the Salvation Army, and some went overseas. One church visitor to the hospitals gives *The Presbyterian Record* to each patient, she takes flowers too. It is encouraging to note that the Presbyterian churches in Edmonton have responded well to the appeal for the Famine Relief of the Bhil people in India.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

MISS FLORENCE BAXTER, FRONT ST., CHIPPAWA, PRESS SECRETARY

CHATHAM Presbyterial — St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Windsor,** held their first fall meeting in September. A letter from Miss Isabel McConnell of India was read, thanking the ladies for a food parcel sent by their auxiliary during the famine. It was also reported that two girls had been sent to camp during the summer. An interesting display of sweaters, knitted goods and various items were exhibited, items the ladies had made during the summer months for the Western Supply bale. Thirty-seven visits, five phone calls and cards were reported giving evidence of early fall activity.

At the first fall meeting of the Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary, Knox Church, Windsor, Mrs. J. C. Barrow, the President, welcomed two new members and expressed regret in losing Mrs. Wm. Whittaker, Welcome and Welfare Secretary, who has taken up residence in Brantford.

Huron Presbyterial—In Knox Church, **Bayfield,** a joint summer meeting of the Auxiliaries of St. Andrew's Church, **Clinton,** and Knox, Bayfield, was held in July. Mrs. R. McKenzie, President of St. Andrew's conducted devotions and Mrs. James Makins gave a talk on the life of our newly elected Moderator, with Mrs. D. J. Lane bringing inspiration from the Synodical annual meeting. This proved to be a very happy and profitable afternoon.

Hensall Auxiliary celebrated the 62nd anniversary of their Senior Auxiliary in June and had as their speaker, Mrs. Richardson, who gave a very inspiring talk on India, in which she stressed our responsibility in sending the Gospel message there before Communism prevails.

London Presbyterial—The Busy Bees Mission Band of Knox Church, **Belmont,** celebrated their 40th anniversary at a special meeting with Mrs. J. D. Meikle presiding and Mrs. Fletcher of London was guest speaker. Mrs. J. R. Waldie, President of London Presbyterial, brought greetings from the Executive, and Rev. Kincaid from Knox Church, Mrs. E. Price, President of Belmont Auxiliary, conducted an In Memoriam service for four former leaders, and the present Mission Band leader presented the other five former leaders. The late Mrs. J. J. Currie organized this Mission Band in 1912 and Mrs. J. McNabb was the first leader so to her went the honour of lighting the first candle on the birthday cake, followed by former leaders, then the former members who through the years had been made Life Members of the W.M.S. by the Mission Band. The present Band was introduced and sang a chorus, and many friendships were renewed during the social half hour following the meeting.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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ORANGEVILLE Presbyterial — A special rally of the Presbyterial was held in Ebenezer Church, **South Luther.** Mrs. McNeilly of Orangeville, presided. There was a large attendance of ladies present from Caledon East, Claude, Grand Valley, Hillsburgh, Orangeville, Waldemar and South Luther. Mrs. John Nute, of Orangeville, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, who is on furlough from India. Her address was most interesting, as she told of her experience with the young Christian, the twenty year old Christian and the second generation Christian, and whether we live in India or in Canada we all need Christ in our lives.

MONTREAL AND OTTAWA

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BROCKVILLE Presbyterial — The Agnes Glassford Evening Auxiliary, **Winchester,** held its annual picnic at the summer cottage of Mrs. C. R.

Robinson on the Rideau. The President, Mrs. C. R. Robinson, conducted the devotions and the business period. A talk entitled ''Christians on the Journey of Life'', was given by Mrs. R. D. Ledgerwood. Miss Ida Knowland was honoured by the Auxiliary, which has been organized for ten years, during which period Miss Knowland had only missed one meeting.

Members of the Auxiliary of **Morewood** Church observed the 62nd Anniversary of the founding of the Auxiliary, at a meeting at which visitors were present from Dunbar, Chesterville, Crysler, Finch and Morewood United Church. Mrs. Lyle Hunter presided. A charter member of Chesterville, Mrs. Robert Rainey spoke briefly and an address was given by Rev. Elizabeth Mewhort, who told of the work of missions in India. Mrs. Rupert of Finch gave a paper on ''Prayer, Energy and Personality''.

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Toronto and Kingston

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Montreal and Ottawa

Brockville Presbyterial—Explorer Group, Brockville. Leader, Mrs. Alan Hall, Bay View, Brockville.

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August and September, 1952

RECEIPTS:	
Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	$4,090.00
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Government Grant	9,766.02
Mr. Pannkuk and Sunday School, Titonka, Iowa, "Support of Florence and Zarina David, Jhansi Field, India"	70.00
Robertson Sunday School, Vancouver, "Scholarship Fund, Bhil Field"	30.00
St. Andrew's Auxiliary, Windsor, special offering, "Bibles for Overseas"	10.00
A Friend	40.00
Marpole Sunday School, "Education of Student, Bhil Field"	25.00
Mrs. George McDonald, Petrolia, "Work in Formosa"	100.00
Miss Evelyn Henderson, Toronto, "Scholarship, Louise Henderson Marglinya"	65.00
"Christian Literature"	25.00
Miss M. Wilson, Collingwood, "Children in Mendha, India"	5.00
Knox Sunday School, Moose Jaw, "Education of boy or girl, Bhil Field, India"	17.50
Famine Relief in India	1,382.10
Income Tax	1.75
Missionaries' salaries held in Canada on request	330.87
Synodical Givings:	
Alberta	588.00
Alberta, Supplies	166.50
Saskatchewan	522.41
Saskatchewan, Supplies	92.70
Manitoba	511.25
Manitoba, Supplies	31.00
Toronto and Kingston	5,945.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	661.95
Hamilton and London	4,908.30
Hamilton and London, Supplies	104.45
Montreal and Ottawa	3,000.00
Montreal and Ottawa, Supplies	600.00
	$33,089.80

DISBURSEMENTS:	
National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$1,089.99
Hospital Visitors	564.09
Deaconesses	150.00
Student Deaconesses	121.00
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	582.99
Port Work	168.91
Van Expenses	566.83
National Contingency	289.50
National Advance	412.26
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeffrey	281.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	4,319.43
Birtle, Government Grant	4,988.15
Overseas Missions:	
India: Bhil Field	5,875.00
Jhansi Field	4,292.00
Vellore	420.00
Taiwan	2,639.40
British Guiana	949.18
Training of Nationals	265.83
New Missionaries	1,579.75
Missionaries' Expenses	84.50
Overseas Contingency	120.00
Publications	867.49
Organizations	1,384.99
Administration	2,078.37
Candidates	19.40
Payments from Special Gifts	142.50
Supplies	1,642.58
Cost of Living Bonuses	200.00
Miscellaneous	340.62
Christian Literature	435.00
Hospitalization	60.50
Insurance and Taxes	12.25
Sent to India for Famine Relief	689.50
Canadian Overseas Missions Council	75.00
Inter-Church Aid and Service to Refugees	2,000.00
	$39,708.67

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Pension Fund—	
Rates received from workers	$ 772.51
Interest	261.22
Legacy Fund—	
Legacy through Lucknow Auxiliary, for equipping new Bible School in Formosa	500.00
Payment on Windermere House	50.00
Estate of Miss Agnes Paterson, Toronto	500.00
Interest	141.75
Special Fund—	
Interest	102.46
Payment on Buena Vista Camp	500.00
Overseas Fund—	
Interest	21.21
Peace Thanksgiving Fund—	
Interest	73.27
	$2,922.42

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Legacy Fund—	
Training of Indian Native Workers for Medical Work (Miss Burns' Legacy)	$ 250.00
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The Spirit Of Christmas

BY REV. H. BEVERLEY KETCHEN, D.D.

I DO not think it is irreverent to suggest another parable and say that the Kingdom of Heaven is like unto the spirit of Christmas for in spite of the vulgarity of commercialism, for a brief season—only too tragically brief—most people rise to the romantic plane of children, and He who spake as One having authority said "Except you become as little children you cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

To my mind the generous spirit of Christmas, with its noble impulses and lovely extravagances, comes nearer than anything else to the spirit of the woman who broke her alabaster box, that reckless expression of love that thrilled the heart of Jesus because it was so like the spirit of His own life, reflecting the extravagance of God who "so loved the world that He *gave* His only begotten Son".

What thoughtful planning to surprise those we love! How widespread the kindly concern that no Tiny Tim will be overlooked. How sincere the cheery greeting, "God bless you, everyone"! And how happy it makes us to spread the sunshine of good-will! Water is turned into wine, as it were. We enjoy a touch of summer in the midst of winter. "Instead of the thorns come up the fir-trees. The desert rejoices and blossoms as the rose."

Now this general friendliness and active benevolence of the Christmas season is a fitting tribute to Him whose birthday is thus celebrated. It all indicates in a dim way the spirit of the Incarnation. Charles Reade, a popular English novelist, entitled one of his books, "Put yourself in their place". And that is what Jesus did. "Though He was rich yet for our sakes He became poor that we through His poverty might become rich." Why did He toil in a carpenter shop? Why did He mingle with publicans and sinners? "Wherefore in all things it behooved Him to be made like unto His brethren that He might be a faithful and merciful High Priest." And how thrillingly encouraging it is to know that "we have not a High Priest who cannot be touched with a feeling of our infirmities but One who was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin".

"The Son of Man *came*, not to be ministered unto, but to minister." and that is how He revealed the Father with whom it is always Christmas and who is always "surprising us with the blessings of His goodness".

The limitation of space will not furnish me to dwell on what we owe to that incarnation; to the knowledge that in that gallant life of gracious ministry Jesus laid bare the heart of God. I can only say that the cheery, generous, self-denying humanity of the Christmas season shows our potential Christ-likeness, and indicates that the prophet's dream of a golden age is not "too good to be true".

> "If any little love of ours can make one life the sweeter;
> If any little care of ours can make one step the fleeter;
> If any little help can ease the burden of another,
> God give us love and care and grace to help along each other."

Long, Long Ago

Wind through the olive trees
Softly did blow,
Round little Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

Sheep on the hillside lay
Whiter than snow.
Shepherds were watching them
Long, long ago.

Then from the happy sky
Angels bent low,
Singing their songs of joy
Long, long ago.

For in a manger bed
Cradled we know.
Christ came to Bethlehem
Long, long ago.

—Anonymous.

On The Job With The Hospital Visitors

IT is a great privilege that is afforded to me by the National Department in having the opportunity to read the reports of our hospital visitors. Each time they are read there comes a new realization of the sacred trust that is ours in being disciples of Christ. In the work of the hospital visitor we see the Gospel of Jesus Christ at work in all its strength and beauty.

The hospital visitors enjoyed their month's holiday in the summer but joy was expressed in their letters at renewing friendships they had formed through their work, at seeing people gaining strength, at once more sharing their faith with those who want and need the assurance of God's love for them.

Mrs. Leatherdale of Montreal writes: "My return this fall was as though I were coming home." She speaks of the gifts she receives for her work. "Encouragements awaited me; bales of gifts to meet needs now and at the Christmas Season; a shower of jams and jellies from an Evening Auxiliary."

While we are thinking of Mrs. Leatherdale and Montreal, we want to draw your attention to Koonak whose picture is here. Koonak is a friend of Mrs. Leatherdale. She met him in Montreal General Hospital last Spring. She wrote to Miss Moodie about him and his story is told in a booklet entitled 'Our Hospital Visitors' which is a part of the mission study packet in the Children's Department this year. Miss Moodie invited the children to watch for Koonak's picture in *The Glad Tidings,* and I am sure you will be as interested in his story.

Koonak is an Eskimo lad. He was brought to the hospital in Montreal from Labrador, suffering with gangrene. One leg had to be amputated below the knee, the other at the ankle. He was frostbitten while hunting in his native

Courtesy, Montreal Gazette.
Koonak. He likes the sounds he hears on his radio.

district of Panguintung in the Baffin Island area. He cried a little following the operation but hasn't complained since. Admiring nurses say he is "very brave and always cheerful".

Mrs. Leatherdale has visited him, taken him candy—"Koonak has a sweet tooth". She has given him *ABC Book About Jesus* and though he does not read he enjoys the pictures. He is learning the letters of the alphabet and Mrs. Leatherdale hoped to be able to talk to him about Jesus, when he understands English better. Koonak's future life and welfare means much to Mrs. Leatherdale and so to us.

Mrs. Bradley of Winnipeg remarks on the use of literature in her report: "In July, a generous bundle of little books was received from our Literature Department. This assortment included some new books, which I treasure very much. Last week, a patient in one of our Nursing Homes said, 'I do want to thank you for that lovely little book. I shared it with other patients, and had our maid read a prayer or verse from it several mornings when she came into our room.' The book referred to was *Thou Art With Me*. One Evening Group keeps me supplied with Sunday School papers, stapled together, so that continued stories may be enjoyed. Is it any wonder that your visitor goes on her rounds encouraged and cheered?"

Mrs. Weir of London speaks of the witness made at a sanitarium for tuberculosis patients. "We have now about seventy-two patients in Byron Sanatorium. During the summer months we were enabled to have many chats with the patients as they sat in their little groups on the lawn. We had many a lively discussion with the young men and women concerning the doctrines of the Church. Most of them have not lapsed into a state of mental laziness but have kept their minds stimulated even though their bodies were in enforced repose."

The joy and privilege of working as a hospital visitor is expressed as we have said in all reports. Let us share just one such expression. It is from Miss Ellen Douglas of Vancouver. "During the month there has been more encouragement than I could ever have asked for. There are many with whom it is not possible to have anything more than pleasant conversation. These usually confess that they are not regular in their attendance at church, but they are reminded that even though they may forget, they are not forgotten. There are others who are wanting spiritual help and strength in their suffering and loneliness and a few who fear death. It is a wonderful opportunity to assure these of God's unfailing love and promises to His children. Then there are those who are the true saints, whom to visit is to be refreshed and strengthened yourself. One day, when visiting some of our own church members in a nursing home, I met an elderly gentleman who had been in India during the first war. Having heard that I, too, had been in that country he called me to his room, and we chatted for some time in Hindustani. He told me of experiences during the war, of some of the missionary work he had been able to do while in the army, of some of the Indian Christians he had known."

Mrs. Jessie Anderson of Edmonton and Mrs. Sadie Gillespie of Toronto would echo the things said by the hospital visitors we have quoted. They all feel the closeness of God in the work they do. M.E.W.

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Christmas Service Of Worship

BY LILY M. MACARTHUR

Leader: "There's a song in the air,
There's a star in the sky—
There's a mother's deep prayer
And a baby's low cry—
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King.

We rejoice in the light
And we echo the song—
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng;
Aye, we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
And we greet in His cradle our Saviour and King."

"There's A Song In The Air",
Josiah G. Holland, Charles Scribner's Sons.

Hymn—Number 169—"O Little Town Of Bethlehem", verses 1 and 2.

Leader: Bethlehem—the town of Judea where Jacob buried his beloved Rachel; where Ruth, a stranger from Moab, met and married Boaz, and became an ancestress of the Babe of Bethlehem. Bethlehem—the City of David, the place to which David's thoughts often travelled. So much did the place of his birth mean to him that once in time of danger and stress he exclaimed "Oh that one would give me to drink of the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate". "And three mighty men, brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem and brought it to David; nevertheless he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the Lord." So precious was that fluid, a gift of love, obtained at great risk, that it must not be selfishly used, but rather as an offering to God.

A. Reader—St. Luke 2: 1-16.

Leader: There is a story which tells of a messenger, seeking for someone to whom to tell the Good News of the Saviour's birth. To homes, to inns, he went, but all were too busy, too self-centred, too concerned with the affairs of their families, and their money-making to take time to listen to him. The messenger, still searching, spied a group of shepherds around a fire, on a hillside. To them he went and they, humble, kindly, men of faith and vision, heard the angels' song and saw the Babe.

Hymn—Number 482—"Blest are the pure in heart for they shall see their God." To be sung softly as a prayer.

A Reader—"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, there came wise men from the East, saying where is He that is born King of the Jews for we have seen His star in the East and are come to worship Him . . . and when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, His mother, and fell down and worshipped Him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts—gold, and frankincense and myrrh. St. Matthew 2: 1, 2 & 11.

They gave Him gold, as to a King, paying Him tribute.

Frankincense was offered to Him as God.

Worshippers sought to honour God with the smoke of incense.

And myrrh, used in the embalming of a body for burial, was given Him, as to a man that would die.

We, too, may kneel at His manger in Bethlehem, where the sages from the far East offered their sacrifices in the name of future generations who would honour Him as King of Kings, and confess Him as Redeemer and Lord.

Hymn—Number 174—"O, Come all ye Faithful".

Prayer—O Holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell,
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel. Amen.

The Extra Shepherd

BY LOUISE A. REITH, M.A.

A Christmas Story Which Could Happen in Africa

THE day had come at last. The day before the Christmas vacation when the children of the Christian school in the little North African village were to present the Christmas story. Great had been the preparations. The rehearsals had been many and serious. Budding carpenters had constructed a substantial platform in front of some bamboo trees. A manger had been carefully made by the same carpenters and just as carefuly filled with grass by some of the younger pupils. Torches stood ready to be lighted that those who made up the audience in the darkness of the African night might be assured of seeing what was taking place. Everything seemed well in hand. The school children were very excited and happy.

There was one boy in the village who did not share their happiness. For a long time Kodjo had watched the activities of the Christian school from afar. Secretly he wished very much that he might share in them. His cousins went to that school and he liked to hear about the things they learned but he could only question them when they were all far away from his father. His father was a Moslem and did not wish his son to have anything to do with Christians or their teaching. Every day at the proper hours his father recited the proper prayers to Allah. Allah seemed very remote. But even his small girl cousins talked of praying to the Christians' God. They said He cared about each one of them, indeed about all the people in the world. Their God was a kind and loving Father who watched over you when you were out in the hills with your sheep. Kodjo thought he would like to know more about the God who cared.

Kodjo knew about the special Christmas festivities at the school. He wanted very much to be in that neighbourhood to see what was going on. His father had gone away very early in the morning on a couple of days' journey on business, before going he had warned his son to look well to the sheep while he was away. Kodjo intended to obey but he did hope that after the sheep were safely in for the night he might be able to steal to the edge of the crowd to see what was taking place on the platform. He particularly wanted to see Dede. Dede was his cousin and she had told him that she had been chosen to take the part of Mary. That did not mean much to Kodjo but what he did know was that Dede had become a very different girl since she had been going to the Christian school. Well he remembered how, as a small boy, he had feared her displeasure which was easily aroused. Now she seemed to have patience and understanding. He wondered what had made her different. Kodjo wondered about many things. What was this Christmas they were celebrating? Dede said it was the birthday of Jesus, the Son of God.

Kodjo thought a great deal that day as he trudged over the hills with his sheep. Often he felt afraid out on the hillsides alone in the stillness. His cousins said if you prayed to God He would protect you from harm. His mother said only grown men could speak to the great Allah. He loved to find the beautiful, brightly coloured flowers that bloomed even among the seemingly barren rocks. His cousins said God made them beautiful for the enjoyment of His children but his father laughed at that and said they were just a bit more food for the sheep. Small wonder that Kodjo was puzzled. He liked the things his cousins said. He wished they were true. Perhaps they were!

"The extra shepherd . . . carried a black and white sheep in his arms."

The afternoon seemed especially long after he had eaten his lunch of dry, flat barley bread and a few figs and dates. He kept looking at the sky to see how soon he might take the sheep home. He was not always in a hurry to go home. Often he had fun playing with some of the more frisky sheep like Tweka, his special pet. Today he was anxious to get them home and he found it difficult to keep his attention on his charges. At last it was time to go! Hurriedly he rounded up the sheep, guiding them over the winding paths. Arriving home he began checking them in to their night abode. But where was Tweka? How could he have missed her, his very own "small one" who had grown to be such "a big one". All thought of school festivities vanished. He *must* find Tweka!

Hastily making the other sheep secure he ran back over the crooked paths. Shadows were beginning to fall. Time was precious. Carefully he looked under the shrubs and down the rugged slopes. Then he thought he heard a faint bleating. He listened. Had he really heard it or was he imagining? No, the sound came again, up from a small valley between the hills. It was getting darker but Kodjo scrambled down, reckless of scraped knees and legs. The bleating seemed nearer but the darkness made it hard to locate the black face of his pet. Finally he saw a spot of white in the shadows. Was that Tweka's back? Yes, there she was, almost hidden under a low shrub. He knelt beside her. "My poor Tweka, what is the matter?" He set her up on her legs only to have her fall over bleating piteously. A leg must be sprained or broken. What would he do? His father could have fixed it but he was away. But wait! His cousins said the pastor-teacher knew how to make hurt things well. He would take Tweka to him. Picking the sheep up in his arms he struggled up the hillside. Tweka was no light burden, but Kodjo was no weak shepherd and he loved his sheep. Time after time he had to lay her down while he stretched weary muscles and regained his breath. Fear gripped him as he stumbled over the paths, familiar enough in the daylight, but now strangely menacing. He found himself praying, "O God, if you do hear children's prayers, help me to get Tweka to the pastor. I can't leave her on the hills for the wild beasts."

After struggling on for what seemed an endless time, he saw lights ahead—the torches! As he got to the edge of the crowd he could see on the platform a number of shepherds who looked very much like himself. Then in the stillness he heard a voice—"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night." He heard music and singing and saw a blinding light. The voice continued, "And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. "And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." The story continued until once more the choir sang, "Glory to God in the Highest", and, as the sound of the music faded away the shepherds said one to another, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass."

Kodjo stood spellbound, almost forgetting the sheep which had snuggled down in the warmth and safety of his arms. Now the shepherds began to move off the platform to wend their way to Bethlehem. Their path led them around the edge of the crowd past where Kodjo stood. Almost unconsciously he found himself following them as they wound their way through the crowd and back to the platform which had now become the stable in Bethlehem. There was the manger, and Mary and Joseph. A very lovely Mary, Dede whose kindly face looked out from a mantle of the most beautiful blue Kodjo had ever seen. The shepherds knelt by the manger, among them an "extra shepherd", who had never rehearsed, a shepherd who carried a black and white sheep in his arms. As they all filed out to make way for the wisemen, a look of surprise flitted across Mary's face. She whispered softly, "Is Tweka hurt?" Kodjo nodded. "Take her to the pastor." said the gentle Mary. Once off the platform one of the other shepherds led him to the pastor who had been watching from the back. As the story of the first Christmas continued to unfold on the stage, the pastor gently felt the now swelling leg, put splints on it and bandaged it securely, while he spoke assuring words to the worried shepherd who told him of his anxious search for his beloved pet.

"You are a good shepherd, Kodjo." the pastor said. "You must learn more of The Good Shepherd, Jesus, whose birthday we celebrate now. He too seeks for His sheep who have wandered away." "Where are His sheep?" asked Kodjo timidly. The pastor smiled kindly, "His sheep are the people all over the world. Jesus wants to bring them all into his fold. Some day, if you learn of Him, you may be a shepherd to help Him in that work."

As Kodjo hurried home he thought of the things that he had seen and heard. He wanted to know more of this Jesus, the Good Shepherd. Perhaps when his father saw how the pastor-teacher had helped Tweka he might let him go to the school. Anyway Kodjo had "gone to Bethlehem" and once having been there he could not turn back. He felt that somehow he and Tweka must now belong to the Christ at whose manager they had knelt. He *must* learn more. The pastor had said that some day he might be able to help the Good Shepherd. Kodjo was sure he would like to do that more than anything else in the world.

Shepherd Boy's Song

When I was leading sheep to-day,
I thought I heard
A note of bird
Carolling a springtime lay
This winter day.

When I was folding sheep to-night,
A stir of wings
As summer brings
Wheeled to a flame of mystic light
This winter night.

I wonder, will the nations hear
This song? See light
This holy night—
'Mid war and pain; through grief
and fear—
Christ's song of cheer?
INCARNATE LIGHT?

Mary Winter Were,
in *The British Weekly*.

Extracts From Regional Secretaries' Letters

Grace Mackay, British Columbia, September 22nd

Tonight at the supper hour I am having a meeting of the Vancouver C.G.I.T. leaders at the Centre to hear Lois Fishwick give a report of National C.G.I.T. camp and to try to arrange definitely for a Leaders' Council.

Last Friday night the Mission Band and Explorer leaders turned out to a meeting at the Centre and the number attending was very encouraging. I hope that this interest will continue.

Grace Mackay, October 17th

In Cranbrook and Kimberley I worked mostly in connection with the Sunday School, the young women and Explorers. In Cranbrook it was encouraging when some of the young married women organized an Evening Department Affiliated W.M.S. group.

Margaret MacNaughton, Manitoba, August 18th

I spent a very interesting few days visiting among some of our Indian folk. I was on the Birdtail Reserve and had an opportunity to speak to the ladies of the W.M.S. group. They are really a very fine group of women and it only makes me wish they could have a resident missionary on the field with the right kind of wife who would take an interest in the women and their homes. Another thing I felt is needed there is someone to lead them in a more active community life. I think it would keep a lot of young folk out of some of the troubles they get into. The ladies . . . meet weekly. I tried to interest them in the work of the Society and to convince them that they had a share in the work that God has given the women of our Church. . . . It would be good for them to give a little as well as to receive.

I was also pleased to visit the Birtle School for the first time. The School is certainly as wonderful as its reputation.

I also made a non-scheduled visit to Elphinstone and had a chat with the President of the W.M.S. Auxiliary in the town there. They do not have a group for the women on the Okanais Reserve at present.

Margaret MacNaughton, October 6th

Then I attended two sectional meetings in Brandon Presbyterial, one at Boissevain and one at Carberry. . . . I was particularly delighted with the meeting at Carberry, for not only was there a large meeting, but those present included four of the folk from the Birdtail Reserve. There was the Chief, Joe Paul; his daughter, the President; his daughter, the Vice-President and his granddaughter, the Secretary. "Now", he says, "our W.M.S. will be run right and they will send their money to help others." . . . I was glad to see them. I hope we can encourage them to come more often.

Secretaries — Attention!

Instructions For Annual Reports

IT is time again to prepare and send forward Annual reports.

Annual reports start in the individual Auxiliaries, Girls' groups and Children's groups. Therefore, we would ask that these groups see that their reports are **complete, accurate** and sent forward **promptly.**

Please note the following.— **Dates given are the deadline. Your co-operation is asked in having reports in before these dates if at all possible.**

1. Deadlines:
   - (a) Group reports (Auxiliaries, Girls' Organizations, Mission Bands, Explorer Groups etc.) should be in the hands of Presbyterial Secretaries not later than December 31st, 1952.
   - (b) Presbyterial Secretaries should have their reports to Synodical Secretaries not later than January 31st, 1953.
   - (c) Synodical Secretaries should have their reports to Council Executive Secretaries not later than March 1st, 1953.
2. Write clearly — PRINT, OR TYPE.
3. Please list groups alphabetically. List Affiliated and Associate Societies separately and also alphabetically. See 1951 Annual Report for pattern of how groups are finally reported.
4. **Presbyterial Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers should confer to be sure that their figures representing contributions from groups agree. Similarly Synodical Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers should confer.**
5. Each Secretary has two reports to send. (a) The tabulated form (b) A written report of groups' or departments' activities. **The written report is just as important as the tabulated form.**
6. If the lists of Presbyterial and Synodical Officers are not received in this office by May 1st they will not be included in the Annual Report but will be published in *The Glad Tidings* from which they may be clipped and pasted into your Report.

Reports represent a great deal of time and work. We would suggest that to insure reports not being lost in the mails that they should be sent by registered mail.

—*Helen M. Horne,*
Corresponding Secretary.

National News Notes

Miss Agnes McLeod, who served most acceptably on our staff in the new work at Clair Lee, East Toronto Presbytery, has accepted a position as Deaconess in Riverdale Church, Toronto.

Recent reports from the hospital visitors make us realize more and more just how far-reaching their work is. Read excerpts from their reports in this issue.

Miss Kathleen Stewart, Reg.N., of the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School staff, Kenora, will be in Toronto during the winter months, at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. Besides taking some lectures with the deaconesses, Miss Stewart will be doing special work at the Hospital for Sick Children.

Miss Irene Kong, formerly of the Chinese Mission, Toronto, is now in the United States.

F.E.M.

Overseas News Flashes

Miss Dorothy Douglas, on furlough from Taiwan, is presently taking lectures at Knox College and the Canadian School of Missions. The first of the year she will go west for two or three months' deputation.

Miss Margaret Ramsay will return to British Guiana early in January.

Miss Margaret Kennedy, Miss Edith Magee and **Miss Hazel Reaveley** come on furlough from India in the spring of 1953.

Miss Margaret Lim and **Miss Carol Chiam,** our two students from Taiwan, spent a strenuous summer at Glen Mohr Camp and they are hard at their studies again. We are sure our readers will be interested to know that Margaret came first in her class in Theory.

L.K.P.

Men travel bravely by a thousand roads,
Some broad and lined with palaces, some steep
And hard and lonely, some that blindly twist
Through tangled jungle where there is no light;
And mostly they are travelled thoughtlessly.
But once a year an ancient question comes
To every traveller passing on his way,
A question that can stab and burn and bless:
''Is this the road that leads to Bethlehem?''

Christmas — A Busy Happy Season

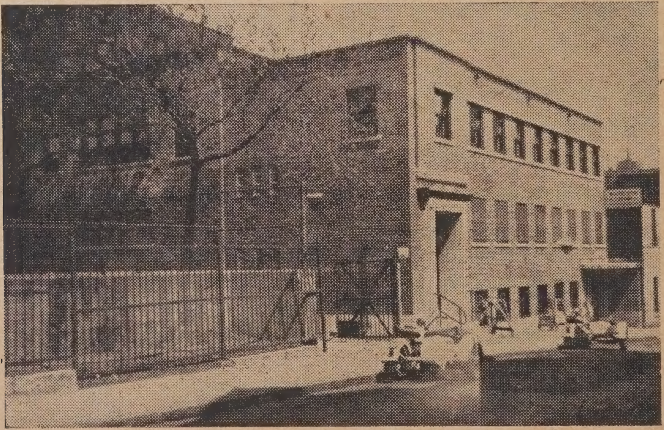
A Story of How Christmas is Spent in the Chinese Centre, Montreal.

BY MURIEL JUDD

THE Christmas season is a busy and a happy one at the Chinese Church in Montreal. There is a party for the children up to eight years of age and their mothers, a concert and a candle-light service on Sunday evening, and special services in church and Sunday School.

Last year on the morning of the day chosen for the children's party, we were greeted with the cruelest blizzard experienced in many years in Montreal, and it was bitterly cold. To be or not to be? Should we have the party or not? Many other organizations were cancelling their children's parties over the radio, but our minister, the Rev. Paul Chan, optimistically forecast better weather for the afternoon, and he was "Oh, so right!" The wind died down and the snow stopped, and through a winter wonderland of white came nearly seventy children and mothers from all parts of the city. Carol singing, numbers by the kindergarten children, movies, Santa Claus, gifts and ice cream all combined to make it a very happy party.

Our gymnasium was packed to overflowing on the evening of the concert. The Rev. Paul Chan presided, and the programme was opened with the reading of the Christmas story in both Chinese and English, followed by prayer. Then followed carol singing led by one of the Teen-Age group, and a presentation of the Christmas story by the kindergarten children, complete with Mary and



Chinese Church, Montreal.

Joseph, angels, shepherds and wise men. Mary added a little spice to things when she called out to one of the shepherds, "Hey, you forgot to take your shoes off!" The background scenery, which was very effective, was painted last year by Frank Hum, one of our boys. Later on in the programme, the children played the rhythm band and sang "Away in a Manger".

Dr. Hilda Lin, a young woman who arrived from China and Singapore last summer to do post-graduate work here, sang "O Holy Night", and a choir of young people sang "Christians Awake" in English and "Joy to the World" in Chinese. The perennial favourite, "'Twas the Night before Christmas" was narrated and illustrated in quite a novel way by means of puppets by one of the Sunday School classes. One of the future ministers of our Church, Mr. Bill Campbell, who teaches and plays the piano in the Sunday School, and Benson Lee, one of our older scholars who turned out to be no other than Santa Claus himself later on, sang "Good Christian Men Rejoice" and the "Manger Carol".

The main feature of the programme was a play in Chinese written and directed by Mrs. G. P. Louie, entitled "The Ransomed Pearl". The interest of the audience was very keen as the story unfolded of the landlord who was transformed by the love of Christ from a mean and ill-tempered person into a kindly man, through the influence of the members of his family and friends. The members of the cast, with one exception, have all come from China during the past two years. They attend our church and Sunday School services regularly, and our English classes too. Some of them

Cast of "The Ransomed Pearl."

went to Christian schools in China, others did not. It is indeed heartening to see them take such an interest in the life of our church.

The Candle-light Service was conducted by several young women and men. Some of them are Canadian-born, and attended kindergarten and Sunday School here in Miss Dickson's time. Others are students from China, who are taking university or post-graduate courses here. The service was conducted in both Chinese and English.

For many of the Chinese who attended these festivities, it was their very first experience of Christmas. Our aim and prayer throughout this happy season was and is to-day, that the attention of all might be pointed to the Son of God and the Saviour of the world.

Christmas Carol

The earth has grown old with its burden of care,
But at Christmas it always is young.
The heart of the jewel burns lustrous and fair,
And its soul full of music breaks forth on the air,
When the song of the angels is sung.

It is coming, old earth, it is coming to-night!
On the snow flakes that cover the sod
The feet of the Christ-child fall gently and white,
And the voice of the Christ-child tells out with delight
That mankind are the children of God.

On the sad and the lonely, the wretched and poor,
The voice of the Christ-child shall fall;
And to every blind wanderer opens the door
Of a hope that he dared not to dream of before,
With a sunshine of welcome for all.

The feet of the humble may walk in the field
Where the feet of the holiest have trod,
This, this is the marvel to mortals revealed
When the silvery trumpets of Christmas have pealed,
That mankind are the children of God.

—Phillips Brooks.

Supply Department — Open House

FRIDAY, October the tenth was the occasion of "Open House" at Knox Church, Toronto, from 12 noon till 9 p.m., for the Supply Department of Toronto East Presbyterial.

Mrs. Yates, Supply Secretary, and her committee of helpers had arranged the articles for the different departments of the work in a most interesting manner. The knitted articles, layettes, quilts, new clothing for children; the Christmas gifts for the children in the Indian School and the sanitaria; gifts for the Port Worker and the Hospital Visitors, were a delight to see.

A bale was on display on the long packing table, all wrapped and labelled ready to be shipped. Another bale was in the process of being packed and many of the visitors expressed gratitude for the opportunity of seeing how a bale is properly prepared, wrapped and tied securely, then labelled. Complaints have been received from the workers on the field stating that parcels sometimes are in a bad state when they arrived because of poor parcelling. If all were as well wrapped as the one on display there would be no cause for such complaints.

During the afternoon and evening, a number of interested ladies viewed the display, among them Supply Secretaries from city and rural auxiliaries.

Such an occasion is a great aid in arousing interest in this department of our work and Mrs. Yates and her committee are to be commended for their efforts.

—*(Mrs. D. F.) Norma C. Hazell,*
Supply Secretary.

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Church Of The Lepers In Formosa Dedicated

Last month we read a dedicatory poem written at the completion of The Church of the Lepers. Now we read of the service of dedication. Our Society made a contribution toward the erection of the Church.

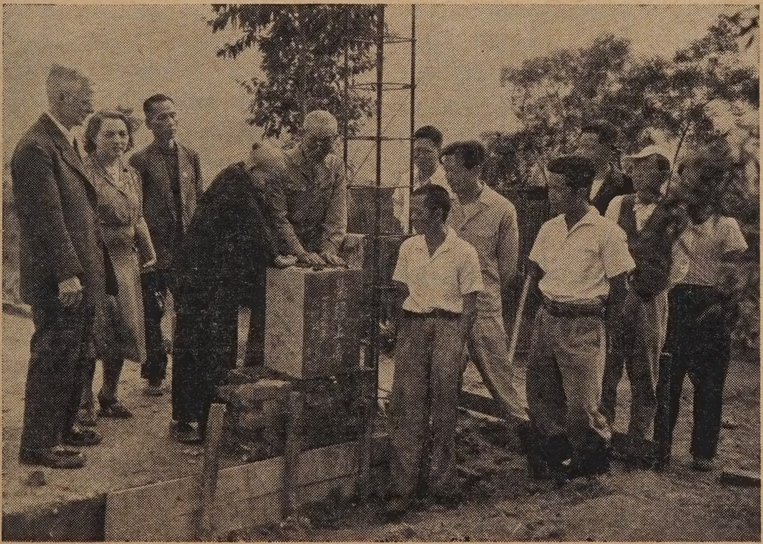
ON October 5th, 1952, Sunday afternoon, the dedication of the Church of the Lepers took place at Lok-seng-i, the Government Leprosy Colony located at Sin-Chng, Formosa. It was a realization of long years of planning and waiting. Now there are one hundred and forty Christians in this Leprosarium of six hundred, and forty more preparing for baptism. The history of the church shows the hand of God in all events, His leading sometimes like a pillar of cloud staying its progress and sometimes leading forward.

About twenty years ago an attempt was made to provide a church for the lepers in this Government Leprosarium. Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor, the founder of Happy Mount Leprosy Colony, procured a grant from the Mission to Lepers to help build a church there. A site was chosen, permission was granted, the ground was dedicated in a service of worship, but just as building operations were about to begin a high official in the Japanese Government here was changed, and the new man forbade the building of the church.

Dr. G. Gushue-Taylor kept the money for the church in a Trust Fund, and after the war was over and order restored, he came back to Formosa to try once again to build the church. Formosa to-day has many missionaries and many links with the outside world, and gifts poured in to supplement his grant until enough money was received to build the Church of the Lepers. The patients themselves raised three thousand dollars Formosan money towards the building fund. Patients from the Happy Mount Leprosy Colony gave towards the building and also donated two pews for the church.

The Christians in the Colony had waited twenty years for a church. They had met regularly wherever they could, sometimes in the auditorium when a Chinese play was not in progress, and later in a little bamboo and grass structure erected by themselves on the highest point in the Colony as a quiet place in which to worship God. For over twenty years they had waited and prayed for a church. On October 5th they saw the culmination of their prayers and hope—a beautiful church, their church, a gift from a loving God.

—(*Mrs. James*) *Lillian R. Dickson.*



"The patients themselves raised three thousand dollars".

A New Reading Room Dedicated In Formosa

ON August 11th the new reading room was dedicated. For months we have been planning it and putting books into a special book-case and saving magazines. The room is on the rear of the lot where the China Sunday School Association book room is, and one can enter through the book room or by a door which opens on the next street.

About 1,000 Chinese books and an equal number of English books have been catalogued and arranged in the new book-cases with sliding doors. The young lady who has done most of this work is there each day and can help people find the books they desire. An announcement was sent to students in Bible classes and elsewhere and we believe the book room will be used and enjoyed. Among the Chinese books there are quite a number that are no longer available, books which were printed on the mainland of China and are not now being printed. We are saving these with great care, hoping they can be reprinted later.

At the dedication service Pastor Sen, who works on the translation and preparation of the Sunday School lessons, presided and welcomed Miss Stribling and Mrs. Armstrong who have come to Taipei within the last few months and are working in the China Sunday School Association.

Three pastors from the North Formosa Synod, who are on the Book Room Committee, were present and spoke briefly.

The reading room is open each week-day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and each evening from 7.15 to 9.15. It is a light, cheerful room, opening on a small court where we hope to have grass and flowers soon. We feel that it fills a long-felt need and we rejoice that our dream is a reality.

—*(Mrs. James) Lillian R. Dickson.*

Changes and Omissions in Mission Staff List from October, 1952 issue

Miss Beatrice Scott, B.A., Mendha, Bhabra P.O., Via Dohad, M.B., India.
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Toronto West Presbyterial

Girls' Organizations Secretary—Mrs. William Phillips, 1246 Weston Road, Toronto 9, Ont.

Two New S.C.M. Secretaries

THE Student Christian Movement of Canada has announced the appointment of two associate general secretaries. Rev. Robert Miller is to fill the position of Study Secretary. Mr. Miller is a graduate of Emmanuel College in Toronto, and upon ordination served as minister of Shellbrook United Church in Saskatchewan. He then studied in Edinburgh on a travelling fellowship. For two years he was employed by the World Council of Churches, spending most of that time with the Evangelical Academies in Germany. Mr. Miller will travel in western Canada during this academic year, and will work with the western units of the SCM in planning a conference to be held in Vancouver during the Christmas vacation.

Miss Gerd Arnborg

Miss Gerd Arnborg comes to the position of World Church secretary from Norway, where she has been employed for several years as a secretary of the Student Christian Movement there. In 1948-49 she was employed as Lutheran counsellor at Syracuse University in New York State. Miss Arnborg has attended many functions of the World Council of Churches, including the World Christian Youth Conferences held in Oslo and in Amsterdam. She is a member of the Lutheran church. She will visit local SCM units in eastern universities during this academic year, and will assist in the planning of the conference to be held in the University of New Brunswick during the Christmas holidays.

Thirty-three students worked as ward aides in a mental hospital in Weyburn, Saskatchewan. They also were living in the situation of working people, and joined together in a study program on the relation of the Christian faith to mental health, with particular reference to psychiatry.

LITERATURE PAGE

Miss Louise A. Reith, M.A.

DO not miss THE FOREST IS MY KINGDOM by Janet A. Carruthers! To many readers of *The Glad Tidings* the name Janet A. Carruthers is familiar as it has appeared from time to time as the writer of interesting accounts of activities at the Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora, Ontario, where for many years she was the faithful and beloved nurse. Indian children, their parents, and many members of staff have reason to remember and to be thankful for her kindly understanding and help.

It is therefore with very special pleasure that we commend to you the book THE FOREST IS MY KINGDOM by Janet A. Carruthers, published by Oxford University Press.

THE FOREST IS MY KINGDOM is the story of a half-breed Indian boy, Bari. Bari grows up in the beautiful Lake of the Woods country which the author loves. But not only does she love Bari's country, she loves and understands the Indian people. Miss Carruther's understanding is demonstrated in her sympathetic depiction of Bari and Paddy, the friendly trapper with whom Bari lives from the time he is nine years old. Bari loves the beauty of his land and the wild things of the forest. He also likes to draw and paint the things he sees and knows so intimately. Truly the "forest is his kingdom". We share in his childhood experiences, his school-days, the problems he faces as he reaches manhood and struggles towards his dream of being an artist.

THE FOREST IS MY KINGDOM is beautifully written. The word pictures bring before us the Lake of the Woods country. The story holds our interest from the first until the last page. No one can read the book without acquiring a more sympathetic appreciation of the Canadian Indian people and a deeper understanding of their problems. The book is a valuable addition to the all too few authentic stories of Canadian Indian life. Although written for young people between the ages of ten and fourteen years we are sure there is no age limit to those who will enjoy THE FOREST IS MY KINGDOM. Price $2.50.

AUXILIARIES

Mrs. W. R. Adamson and Miss E. L. McClelland

THIS is the month of reports when we listen to secretaries tell of the work accomplished in their departments. Your Council Executive is looking forward to receiving these reports promptly and this is only possible if all Auxiliary secretaries have their reports into the Presbyterials by December 31st. Even one secretary failing to get her report in will hold up the reports to Synodicals and Council Executive.

This is also the happiest month in the year for Christians. Do you ever think what our lives would be without Christ? We celebrate Christmas as the happiest, brightest day of the year, but would it not be happier if we prepare for it by thinking what the world would be like if Christ had not been born? It would be a hopeless and lost world.

It is said that on the wall of a chapel in India there can be seen the upper portion of the cross. On one side of the cross is a pierced brown hand, on the other a pierced white hand, symbolic of the truth that "in Christ there is no East or West". Christ is the Saviour of the World.

Let us dedicate ourselves anew to making known the Saviour of the World for He alone can bring peace to men and nations.

''Tis not enough that Christ was born
Beneath the star that shone
And earth was set that blessed morn
Within a golden zone.
He must be born within the heart
Before He finds His throne
And brings the day of love and good
The reign of Christlike brotherhood.

Mary T. Lathrop, *Missions.*

GIRLS' ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. Harold Keefer, Secretary, Girls' Organizations Department
Miss Helen Bricker, B.A., Girls' Work Secretary

Christmas In India

THIS year, as you open your Christmas gifts, five Canadian young people will not be spending the happy day around their own Christmas trees, with brothers and sisters. They will have found themselves in a much larger family, with many more brothers and sisters celebrating the birth of the Christ-child. For them, it will be a Christmas so wonderful it will never be forgotten.

Who are the five Canadians? They are our Canadian representatives being sent to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth in Travancore, India. By the time you read this December letter they will be scattered all over the world, on their way to the conference. One may be on a train in Ceylon, another in a boat in the Mediterranean, another in a plane in Siam, another on a freighter in the Pacific, and so on. On his way from Edmonton will be John MacRae of the Student Christian Movement. From Winnipeg, John Ligertwood of the Anglican Young People's Association will be travelling to India. Leonore Kettles of Ottawa will be on her way to represent the United Church of Canada. Alan Hopper from Toronto is being sent by the Y.M.C.A.—and your Presbyterian Girls' Work Secretary, Helen Bricker (that's lucky me!) will attend in the name of Presbyterian youth. You will probably have had a share in seeing her on her way around the world.

At Christmas, the Canadians will be together, celebrating the birth of their Lord, with about three hundred young people from the Christian Churches round the world. I wish I might tell you what we will be doing that day, for you to see with your mind's eye, but it's to be a surprise for us. But I *do* know that we will be singing Christmas carols and worshipping together. Can you imagine three hundred young people from Sweden to Australia, from Japan and South Africa, all singing carols in an Indian college? Who could have imagined nineteen hundred and fifty-two long years ago when the tiny Babe was born in a manger, that love of Him would bring this group together? For they represent millions of the world's young people who call Him Lord.

They are meeting to show clearly, that all the world may know that they believe Christ is God's answer to the world's needs. In a world where to-day there is fear and hatred, war and bloodshed, starvation and pain, they are meeting to say there is no other answer to all these things, but the answers Christ gives. They are saying it for all of you who are Christian young people—you have sent them, because this is your faith too. Armies and navies, dictators and political parties—names once on everyone's lips—they have been long forgotten. But there is one name that has not been forgotten in nineteen hundred and fifty-two years. Rather it has grown and grown and spread — because countless hosts of people just like you and me have known that name was God's answer to our needs. Will you look for news of the conference in the newspapers—perhaps having a few "flash" news items ready for the December meeting of your girls' group? A bulletin board would be a wonderful idea with an Indian map with Kollayam, Travancore marked plainly. Perhaps you could follow your Girls' Work Secretary round the world in your winter meetings by learning some mission facts about our Church's work in each of the countries she visits. These are the countries—Japan for two weeks in October, Formosa for three weeks in November, India for two months, (December and January), and Lebanon for a week in February. I think you'd enjoy this mission trip around the world!

Will you remember that conference as it meets from December 11 to 27? Will you ask for God's blessing upon it, in your prayers and in the worship periods of your group?

—*Helen Bricker.*

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Gordon L. Wallace, Secretary, Children's Department
Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary
Miss Elizabeth Moodie, Associate Children's Work Secretary

A Thank You From Europe

Did the people in Europe like the gifts sent to them by their Canadian friends? Read the "Thank You" letters which came recently to this office. We will not be sending any more parcels to Europe this year, but our Mission Bands and Explorer Groups will be busy making gifts for the hospital visitors to give to sick and lonely folks. L.M.M.

Koln den 19.9.52

Liebe Kinder aus Kanada,

Vor sinigen Wocken Bekamen wir 2. . . .

Translation

Cologne, 19.9.52.

Dear Children in Canada,

A few weeks we received two parcels from you. We were very pleased with the lovely things. The little children are delighted with the nice animals. We can make very good use of the soap, especially now in summer when we are so much outside and always have dirty hands.

Thank you also for the nice bags of sewing materials, which are very useful, especially as Christmas is approaching and in the afternoons we shall be sewing and making things for our parents and brothers and sisters.

We are in a Day-Home for children from three to fourteen years old. Every day we do something different and are always thinking of new games. For instance we know a lot of ball games and community games. Handwork is always a great pleasure for us. But our school-work is a great worry sometimes and does not get done so quickly and happily. It is nice in the holidays when we are all here. Then we play even better games out

Children at Quaker Centre Day-Home.

in the field. In the summer holidays we gave a Summer Party. Besides races and competitions there was a nice fairy-tale play and a puppet-play, and the little ones did several dances.

We again thank the Canadian children very much, and send you our greetings.

"The Quaker children"
(that is, the children who attend the Day-Home at the Quaker Centre.)

Letter from the leader.

Dear Miss Macarthur,

What a wonderful surprise it was to receive your two big parcels! Do please forgive the delay in replying, we have been so very busy lately, and also I wanted to wait for a letter which one of the children promised to write. I'm enclosing it now, with a rough translation, and I just want to add our very sincere thanks to that of the children.

There is a confession I have to make, however! You will wonder why so little mention is made of the toys and none at all of the mittens, and the explanation is that we are keeping most of them hidden until Christmas! Our first impulse was to dump them down among the children and watch their surprised and delighted faces, but then we thought of Christmas, and how much more useful the mittens would be to them then, rather than in the summer or autumn. There is such a wonderful variety of colours and sizes—just ideal for our Kindergarten and Day-Home, as we have children from two and a half up to thirteen or fourteen years old. Some are tiny delicate things and others fairly big rough boys, and thanks to your wonderful parcels we shall be able to find a really suitable pair—or even two pairs—for each child, with some extra to give to specially needy ones should the cold weather start early. Do please thank all who made them and tell them how much we appreciate all their careful work and the time and patience it must have required. And, of course, the same applies to the most attractive toys you sent. We took the washable ones over to the Kindergarten immediately; the little ones just love them and play with them every day. The softer ones we are keeping for special occasions such as birthdays and Christmas.

I am enclosing a photo of some of our children playing in the sand pit. We have between fifty and sixty children in our Day-Home. Practically all of them are from very poor families, and two-thirds of them live in a Bunker (huge concrete air-raid shelter without windows) or in horrible damp cellars. They come here at 8 o'clock in the morning until six in the evening, have their meals here, play, sing, do handwork, etc. and of course, those of school-age go to school from here in the morning or the afternoon. Since the war, due to the shortage of school buildings, it is very difficult to fit in all the classes, and the children seem to spend a remarkably short time in school; they have to do a lot of homework to make up for it. Few of them know what it is to have an ordered family life, and they are in consequence very difficult to handle. But we can already see a great improvement in the smaller ones, most of whom looked so dirty and uncared for when they started coming to us at Easter.

Once again very many thanks to all who contributed to the parcels, and to those who packed them so well and sent them off. They arrived in excellent condition.

Yours sincerely,
Doris Roper.

A Christmas Folk Song

The little Jesus came to town;
The wind blew up, the wind blew down;
Out in the street the wind was bold;
Now who would house him from the cold?

Then opened wide a stable door,
Fair were the rushes on the floor;
The ox put forth a horned head:
''Come, little Lord, here make thy bed.''

Uprose the sheep were folded near;
''Thou Lamb of God, come enter here.''
He entered there to rush and reed,
Who was the Lamb of God indeed.

The little Jesus came to town;
With ox and sheep he laid him down;
Peace to the byre, peace to the fold,
For that they housed him from the cold!

—*Lizette Woodworth Reese.*

THROUGH THE SOCIETY

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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A FULL meeting of the British Columbia Synodical Executive was held on September 17th in Central Church, Vancouver. At the luncheon hour, a welcome was extended by the President and members to Miss Margaret Boyd, recently appointed to the Children's Centre.

Westminster Presbyterial — The speaker at the St. Andrew's-St. Stephen's Senior Auxiliary, **New Westminster,** fall Thank-offering meeting was Rev. Grant Hollingworth, Chaplain of the Provincial jail. Mr. Hollingworth gave an interesting talk on his work as he goes among the prisoners each day. Mrs. W. T. Beattie presided.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Aidan's Church, New Westminster, held a very successful tea in September. The President, Mrs. W. H. Magee, was the speaker. Mrs. C. Crosby was honoured in appreciation of several years of service as leader of the Mission Band.

Central Church, **Vancouver,** held a very successful Thank-offering meeting. Miss Lily Simpson was the guest speaker and told of her work in India. At a recent meeting Miss Margaret Boyd, of the Vancouver Children's Centre, was welcomed by the Senior Auxiliary as a new member.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, Vancouver, had an inspiring message from Mrs. G. W. Ledingham who has just returned from a trip to our Northern Coastal Mountains.

ALBERTA

THE October meeting of Edmonton Presbyterial Executive was held in First Church, **Edmonton,** with the President, Mrs. J. Kelman, presiding. Some of the points particularly stressed were: The need for trained leaders for children's groups; taking care of the religious education of our children is the first duty of the Church. A Regional Secretary for Alberta was seen as a great necessity. Deeper meditation is required, and we need missionary education.

SASKATCHEWAN

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MOOSE JAW Presbyterial — At the request of the Rev. J. R. Carson, minister of St. Andrew's Church, **Swift Current,** the ladies of the Auxiliary took charge of two Sunday services during his holidays in July. Five ladies took part in each service, one conducting, one giving the sermon, one the prayers and two taking the offering. The regular order of service was followed and the subject matter of the sermons was ''Missionary work at home and abroad''. The Auxiliary held three special meetings when a quilt was made, and a box packed for a mission field. During August Miss Margaret Near and Miss Edith West conducted a very successful Vacation School in St. Andrew's Church.

At **Weyburn** Auxiliary the showing of the film strip ''Paulo of Brazil'' and a set of slides showing something of the missionary work in British Guiana was a special feature of the autumn Thank-offering meeting and were much enjoyed.

Saskatoon Presbyterial — A rally of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Biggar.** Representatives were present from St. Andrew's and Parkview Auxiliaries, Saskatoon, and from Coleville, Wilkie, Rosetown and North Battleford. The theme of the meeting was Matthew 9: 37, 38. At the afternoon session the response to the Auxiliary roll call was a two-minute talk on a missionary serving in India or Formosa. The Rev. M. S. Jess of the Biggar-Wilkie field was the guest speaker. He gave a most interesting message, stressing the need for more Christian workers in the life and work of the Church.

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BRANDON Presbyterial—A sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Boissevain.** There were about forty ladies in attendance representing auxiliaries from Melita, Hartney, St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, Ninga, Wellwood, Boissevain and Killarney. Mrs. J. G. McBurney of Hartney, Presbyterial President, presided and brought greetings. Mrs. W. S. Nairn of Fort William, Synodical President, was guest speaker. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, spoke on Programme Planning and Miss Pettypiece of Ninga spoke on children's work.

A second sectional meeting was held in Knox Church, **Carberry.** There were over fifty ladies in attendance representing auxiliaries from Hartney, First Church and St. Andrew's Church, Brandon, Carberry, Wellwood, Neepawa, Elphinstone, Rossburn and Birdtail Reserve. Mrs. J. G. McBurney of Hartney, Presbyterial President, presided and brought greetings. Mrs. W. S. Nairn of Fort William, Synodical President, brought greetings and gave a very interesting address, stressing the need for members to go the 'second mile'. Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, spoke on Programme planning.

The Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Neepawa,** held their Thank-offering service with all their church groups represented. The President, Mrs. J. Hall, conducted the service and the guest speaker was Mrs. McBurney of Hartney. She took as her subject the ''Spirit of Thankfulness''. She also reviewed some of the By-laws of the Society.

Superior Presbyterial—Thanksgiving was the theme of the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Senior Auxiliary, **Fort William.** The Rev. Gordon Bastedo, minister of First Church, Fort William, was guest speaker and based his talk on verse eight from Psalm 96, ''Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name''. Mr. Bastedo was introduced to the gathering by Mrs. MacAulay, who also voiced congratulations, on behalf of the congregation, upon his appointment as Moderator of the Synod of Manitoba. Mrs. W. J. McGregor and Mrs. J. R. Munro conducted the devotions.

Mrs. W. J. Stirrett presided for the Thank-offering meeting of the Auxiliary of First Church, **Port Arthur.** Mrs. G. P. Stirrett, President of

Superior Presbyterial, introduced the guest speaker, Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary. The Supply Secretary, Mrs. A. Grant, reported supplies had been sent in for the bale to be sent to Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School, Kenora.

Winnipeg Presbyterial—Mrs. R. Chatwin, presided at a special meeting in **Roland.** Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Synodical cal President, Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial President, Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, and Rev. M. E. R. Boudreau, B.A., B.D., S.T.D., minister of Norwood Church, were special guests.

At a sectional meeting held in **Selkirk**, Mrs. W. S. Nairn, President of Manitoba Synodical, was guest speaker. A supper meeting was held in First Church, Winnipeg, when Mrs. G. W. Bradley spoke of her work as Hospital Visitor. A small gift was presented to Miss Ann Bain, deaconess, on the occasion of her leaving Winnipeg.

The Thank-offering meeting of **Norwood** Auxiliary was held in the church with Mrs. J. C. Gibbs presiding. The guest speaker was Mrs. John Brown of the Baptist Church. Mrs. J. A. Davidson brought greetings from Winnipeg Presbyterial.

The Senior Auxiliary of St. James Church, **Winnipeg,** held its annual Thank-offering service in the church. The worship service of Thanksgiving was conducted by Mrs. J. A. Davidson, Presbyterial President. A report of the Explorer Group was given by one of the members, Karen Adams. Miss Ann Bain, Presbytery deaconess and Miss Margaret MacNaughton, Regional Secretary, reported on their summer activities. The C.G.I.T. group received and dedicated the offering. Mrs. W. S. Nairn, Synodical President, spoke on the great need of workers. She stressed, too, the need to welcome newcomers in our communities.

The Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Winnipeg, was held in October. The auxiliary was honoured by the presence of the Moderator of the General Assembly, Dr. J. A. MacInnis, who led in the devotions. The Rev. J. D. C. Smith, minister, presided. A film ''Chinese Children'' was shown. Mrs. J. S. Flook spoke on the ''Power of Prayer''.

HAMILTON AND LONDON

Miss Florence Baxter, Front St., Chippawa, Press Secretary

BRUCE and OWEN SOUND Presbyterial—''There are four aims paramount in children's work'', stated Miss Lily Macarthur, Children's Work Secretary, at the Thank-offering meeting of St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Owen Sound.** The first aim is to seek to lead the children into the right relationship with God; secondly, to help the child to grow in his relationship with the Church. Children must be led to an understanding that the Church is a fellowship and that they are members of that fellowship. Under this leadership, the children must grow in knowledge and understanding of the Bible. To accomplish these aims, the home and Church must work more closely together. During the meeting chevrons were presented to the C.G.I.T. for work accomplished during the year.

Chatham Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Amherstburg,** had their fall Thank-offering and annual Home Helpers meeting in October. Many members and friends were welcomed and the evening speaker was Mrs. D. St. Clair Campbell.

Duart C.G.I.T. took charge of the programme of the Senior Auxiliary meeting for their re-affiliation service and presented their favourite play ''Flight Leaving For British Guiana''.

Knox Auxiliary, **Leamington,** opened their fall work with a goodly number present at the home of Mrs. J. R. Coulter. Mrs. James Matheson, President, called for the reports of summer work and the Welcome and Welfare Secretary reported many calls made and cards sent out. Mrs. Reid told of the work of Miss Edith West, a member of Knox Church, who travelled with the Church van in Western Canada during the past summer.

In Leamington the Isabel McConnell Auxiliary opened their fall work in a nice way. At their first meeting a letter from Miss Isabel McConnell was read thus bringing the mission field and the home Auxiliary together in spirit. Rev. Wm. Lawson was the speaker.

Turin Auxiliary had their Thankoffering meeting in Knox Church with Ridgetown and Thamesville Evening Auxiliaries as their guests. Mrs. F. Goodbrand, Girls' Organizations Secretary of Chatham Presbyterial addressed the meeting.

Ridgetown C.G.I.T. group for the second summer held its own two day camp at Rondeau Park, commencing the day with Sunrise worship hour followed by Bible Study, 'crafts, and much fun throughout the day.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Windsor,** had Mrs. Asa Braendle, of Sandwich United Church, as their guest speaker at their Thanksgiving service. During the business portion of this meeting a very busy month of work on the bale, also 37 Welcome and Welfare calls, was reported.

St. Andrew's Church, **Puce,** extended an invitation to a sectional rally, and Knox Presbyterian ladies invited St. Andrew's Auxiliary to a Life Membership Tea.

The C.G.I.T. group of St. Andrew's Church, **Windsor,** had as their guests representatives of all the missionary family of the church at a pot-luck supper and re-affiliation service, following the completion of their mission study. Three girls from this group attended C.G.I.T. camp at Point Pelee and ten others went to Kintail.

Rev. D. St. Clair Campbell was guest speaker at the October meeting of the Ellen Douglas Evening Auxiliary, Windsor.

Hamilton Presbyterial — Mrs. S. Gentle visited the leader of Chalmers C.G.I.T., **Hamilton,** to discuss their group work and found them very active. Their new officers have been elected, and woollen articles and a crib cover are being made as their bale project. The girls are using a daily Bible reading plan and this month are working on Bible Study based on *Craftsmen Of the Bible.* Mrs. Gentle will be moving to Toronto in the near future.

Rev. K. G. McMillan of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, was the guest minister in Erskine Church, Hamilton, when their annual Mildred Soutar missionary service was observed. The Senior Auxiliary was in charge of the service. Miss Soutar's mother attended. Miss Mildred Soutar went to India as a missionary nurse from this church and was appointed the first superintendent of the M. G. Abey Memorial Children's Nursing Home in Amkhut, India. She served there for three years and after a short illness she was called to Higher Service.

Mrs. J. E. Clare convened the annual rally to mark the opening of a new season's work in Hamilton Presbyterial, in New Westminster Church. The highlight of the evening was an address by Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, missionary on furlough from India, who told of the medical vans and the work of our Church there. Mrs. Duncan Allan, Presbyterial President, welcomed members from all the Presbyterian Churches of Hamilton and district.

In **West Flamboro** the Helen G. Mullin Evening Auxiliary heard Mrs. R. James Inksetter give an interesting talk on Bolivian missions at their September meeting. Reports from the annual fall rally were given.

Huron Presbyterial—Carmel Church, **Hensall,** was the centre for the fall rally of the Presbyterial in September. Mrs. G. Bisset, Goderich, President, presided and chose as her opening theme, ''Faith With Harvest'', and told of the great need of organized, consecrated effort in missionary work. The various auxiliaries had a very earnest prayer session for better understanding between nations, and that our young people might receive renewed Christian vision for greater opportunities. Miss Ida White and Miss Hazel Macdonald, from Huron Presbyterial, who are now serving in India and Formosa, were remembered in prayer. Mrs. J. A. Elliott, Ailsa Craig, was the afternoon speaker, and in a stirring address she pleaded that we fail not in holding the World For Christ at this time which may be the turning point of civilization.

Mention was made that Barbara Kirkman Auxiliary, **Seaforth,** is to celebrate their fiftieth anniversary, and we as a Synodical, do greet them on such a happy milestone.

London Presbyterial — In September the Presbyterial Executive met in **Glencoe** with Mrs. J. R. Waldie, Presbyterial President, presiding. Reports from all secretaries were received and it was reported that the Evening Auxiliaries in the Presbyterial had made homemade candy and sent this to all the Presbyterian patients in Beck Memorial Sanatorium. Presidents of the Afternoon and Evening Auxiliaries, and leaders of Junior groups, were invited guests and attended in goodly number. A fall rally was announced for November 5th to be held in Hamilton Road Church, London, with Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, missionary on furlough from India, as special speaker.

Hamilton and London Synodical Board meeting was held in October in New St. James Church, **London,** with Mrs. Arthur Hamilton, presiding. An allocation of $76,910.00 was accepted for 1953. An invitation was accepted from Wingham for the 1953 Synodical meeting and the dates set as April 21, 22, 23. Good reports were given by Presbyterial Presidents and the Synodical Secretaries also had encouraging reports. A most favourable comment was made of the Christian enthusiasm of many Dutch immigrants recently settled in our churches and as a Synodical we make these most welcome and hope they, too, may enjoy their Church fellowship in our midst. Some new Auxiliaries and Mission Bands were announced.

Erskine Auxiliary, **Dungannon,** had as its guests many other W.M.S. Auxiliaries to hear Miss Dorothy Douglas tell of her work in Formosa. Miss Douglas pleaded for more doctors, teachers and evangelists for the Formosan field and stressed the urgency for Bible translations, as there are seven dialects on this Island. She told of the advance of Christianity there.

Gilmour Auxiliary, Elmwood Avenue Church, **London,** heard Miss Douglas speak of the threat of communism stepping into the breach if Christians failed in their efforts in Formosa. Miss Douglas has served sixteen years in Formosa so brings a wealth of information about the work there. All the London Auxiliaries, both Afternoon and Evening, attended.

Hamilton Road Auxiliary, London, had their Thank-offering meeting at the manse and Mrs. J. Hendry, a worker in the Auxiliary for many years, was honoured.

New St. James Afternoon Auxiliary, London, held a friendly get-together to commence the W.M.S. fall activities within the church. The various groups, Home Helpers, C.G.I.T., etc. attended. Mrs. James Thompson read a letter from Mrs. Dickson of Formosa thanking the ladies for the gifts sent by New St. James Auxiliary.

The Goforth Evening Auxiliary, New St. James, London, had Miss Lida Pratt, returned missionary from India, as their speaker at their first fall supper meeting in October. Mrs. Allan Ferguson, Vice-President, conducted the meeting. In September Miss Peggy MacDonald of Port Stanley, was hostess when forty members enjoyed an annual outing at her home.

Maitland Presbyterial—The Western division of the Presbyterial held their Autumn sectional meeting in **Lucknow** in September, and were addressed by Miss Dorothy Douglas of Formosa, now on furlough at her home in Lucknow.

Lucknow Auxiliary had Mrs. Hugh A. MacMillan, missionary in Formosa, as their special speaker for their Thank-offering meeting. Dr. and Mrs. MacMillan left Lucknow twenty-nine years ago for missionary work on the ''Island Beautiful'', and are now home on furlough. A real home fellowship hour followed at the close of the meeting.

Bluevale was chosen for the Eastern division sectional rally. The guest speaker, Rev. M. Baillie, chose for his theme, ''Who is your Neighbour?''

Langside Mission Band was pleased to have Miss C. Moffat, deaconess of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, speak at their August meeting.

Niagara Presbyterial—The fall meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Drummond Hill Church, **Niagara Falls,** in September and was presided over by Mrs. J. M. Dickson, Presbyterial President. This year an evening meeting was arranged so that many young women attending business might be present, and a much larger gathering was the pleasing result. Mrs. Hudson Woodruff, Presbyterial Evening Department Secretary, was in charge of the devotions. The reports which followed were all most encouraging.

Drummond Hill Auxiliary, Niagara Falls, was happy to send $50.00 as a gift to Miss Marion Williamson, through the General Treasurer, to be used for drilling a well at our Amkhut mission station, India, where there has been a great dearth in the water supply.

Chippawa Auxiliary sent $40.00 for the Famine Relief in India.

On October 10th an impressive service was held in McGillvary Hall, First Presbyterian Church, **Port Colborne,** to commemorate the founding of the Ruth Buchanan Mission Band by Mrs. J. W. Wilkes twenty-five years ago. Rev. R. T. Rutherdale brought greetings from the Session and Board of Managers, and Mrs. J. M. Dickson, President of Niagara Presbyterial, brought greetings. Mrs. Wm. Sands, President of the

Senior Auxiliary extended their good wishes. Miss Jennie Kinnear, Cayuga, Presbyterial Vice-President, brought a personal greeting as a former leader. Mrs. Wilkes was presented with a copy of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible for her interest and faithfulness throughout the years and the members of the Mission Band also honoured Mrs. George Ruch for her devotion of time and talent.

Sarnia Presbyterial — The Autumn rally of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Wyoming,** with one hundred and fifty-nine women in attendance. Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, Reg.N., was the guest speaker. In her usually graphic manner she took her audience on a tour of Central India with the mobile medical clinic, showing the great need of medical care, Christian outlook and understanding sympathy. She urged that as Ambassadors for Christ we bestir ourselves on the home front. Mrs. Robert Miller of Paterson Memorial Church, Sarnia, conducted the devotions and Mrs. P. J. McEwen of Cuthbertson Auxiliary, Wyoming, welcomed the guests. Mrs. G. A. Dewar, Presbyterial President, presided and gave highlights of the recent Synodical meeting in London. Miss I. McIntyre of Petrolia was appointed Evening Department Secretary. The Treasurer reported that 64% of the 1952 allocation had been raised.

The Guthrie Auxiliary of **Alvinston,** held a Home Helpers meeting recently with Mrs. Mitchell, a former missionary in China, as guest speaker.

Bear Creek Auxiliary met at the home of Mrs. H. McBean for their Thank-offering meeting. Mrs. McDonald led the devotions and the study period assisted by Mrs. R. S. Burnham and Miss Grace McBean of Sarnia. A paper on ''True Thanksgiving'' was given by Mrs. McBean.

St. Andrew's Afternoon Auxiliary, **Sarnia,** had Dr. Jessie Finlay as their guest speaker for their Thank-offering meeting. Having spent many years as a nurse in India and later as a medical missionary with Dr. Ida Scudder at Vellore Medical School, she is thoroughly aware of the needs and problems of India and its women and children.

The McIver Missionary Circle of **Wyoming,** held their Thank-offering meeting with their mothers and members of the Senior Auxiliary present. Miss Marietta Gillatly presided and Mrs. Bruce, wife of their newly inducted minister, gave a splendid inspirational address taking as her subject ''On The Move''.

Stratford Presbyterial—The eastern sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in **Shakespeare** Church and was well attended. Mrs. H. S. Jackson of Stratford presided and the devotions were taken by the Bethany Girls of Knox Church, Stratford. Miss Margaret Ramsay, on furlough from British Guiana, was the guest speaker and she gave an informative description of the work in British Guiana.

The northern sectional meeting was held in **Listowel** and ''Thanksgiving'' was the theme. Almost one hundred delegates answered the roll call and represented the Central, Britton, Wallace and Evening branches of the local church as well as churches in Atwood, Monkton, North Mornington and Milverton. Miss Margaret Ramsay gave a challenging missionary talk.

In **Harrington** the southern sectional meeting was presided over by Mrs. T. L. Scott and Presbyterial greetings extended by Rev. F. J. Barr. Miss Margaret Ramsay again brought the message and members from Avonton, Mitchell and Glengowan assisted with the programme.

TORONTO AND KINGSTON

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BARRIE Presbyterial—St. Andrew's Young Women's Auxiliary of **Coldwater**, held a very successful tea and bake sale in the Sunday School rooms of the church. This is the young women's first money-making endeavour since they were organized in February this year, and the members are very pleased to be able to contribute to worthwhile mission projects.

Knox Auxiliary, **Bracebridge**, held its Thank-offering meeting in October with Mrs. M. MacInnes of Gravenhurst as guest speaker. Mrs. MacInnes gave a fine address on devoted medical missionaries in India. The President, Mrs. C. G. Vais, presided and welcomed guests from three neighbouring auxiliaries: Gravenhurst, Port Carling and Vankoughnet. Mrs. Vais also sang a song in her native Greek language. Our membership has doubled since last year and every member subscribes to *The Glad Tidings* and one non-member, and all enjoy reading it very much.

Kingston Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of St. Peter's Church, **Madoc**, held their fall Thank-offering meeting in October with a large attendance of members and visitors from Tweed. The guest speaker was Miss B. Fleming of Ivanhoe, who is the Presbyterial Children's Secretary. She reported on the Synodical meeting which was held in Lindsay. Miss Fleming also outlined the work done in Japan by Mrs. L. L. Young and the late Dr. Young and told of the work in British Guiana. She paid tribute to the memory of Mrs. W. Heslip of Madoc.

Orangeville Presbyterial — The fall sectional meeting of the Presbyterial was held in Knox Church, **Ventry.** There was a good attendance with representative groups from Horning's Mills, Maple Valley, Priceville, Dundalk, Swinton Park and Ventry, also from Dundalk Young Women's Auxiliary, Swinton Park girls' and children's groups, Ventry Mission Band, Dundalk Mission Band and Maple Valley Mission Band. Rev. A. E. Bailey brought greetings from Presbytery and spoke words of appreciation for the work done by the women in support of the mission work of the Church. Mrs. Chester Mills of Dundalk presided.

Mrs. M. Fraser and Mrs. James Irwin, Ventry conducted a panel discussion. One question was: ''Why send missionaries to South America, when there are so many other places in the world, which have never been touched by any Christian teaching?''. One answer to this was the command, ''Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature''. In answer to another question on the difficulty of getting new members, Mrs. Irene Fraser of Dundalk told of three new groups and many new members. Two young members of Ventry Mission Band, Shirley Green and Shirley Ritchie, received the offering.

Mrs. Irene Fraser of Dundalk, brought greetings from the Presbyterial and expressed pleasure at the increased interest being shown in the work. She then introduced the guest of the evening, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., missionary on furlough from the Bhil Field, India. She gave a most interesting and informative talk on her work as a missionary and nurse. Several young men, who have become Christians, have been trained as nurses and are of great help to the missionaries, especially in their work with the mobile units.

Other items on the programme were, ''Diary of a Bible'' read by Mrs. E. Ferguson of Swinton Park. An alphabetical Bible Quiz was conducted by Mrs. J. Ray of Dundalk. Mrs. R. W. Lindsay, Dundalk, expressed the appreciation of the visiting women to the Ventry women for their hospitality.

In the sudden death of Mrs. James Reidie of **Erin**, widow of the late Rev. James Reidie, formerly of Cromarty, the Women's Missionary Society has suffered the loss of a devoted member. The Presbyterian Church and the W.M.S. are the richer for her selfless, courageous devotion during her life time. Her Christian spirit and sturdy character will be remembered by all who knew her. Mrs. Reidie made her home in Erin, where she was President of Burns' Auxiliary and also a valued member of Orangeville Presbyterial. Her passing has left a gap in the ranks of the W.M.S.

Peterborough Presbyterial — Centreville Auxiliary held their annual Thankoffering meeting with members from fifteen visiting auxiliaries as their guests. Miss Laura K. Pelton, Overseas Executive Secretary, was guest speaker and was much enjoyed by all.

Saugeen Presbyterial—A well attended rally of the young women of the Presbyterial was held in St. Andrew's Church, **Mount Forest.** Mrs. G. Coutts, Evening Department Secretary presided and the Durham Auxiliary conducted the devotions. Mrs. McKerracher, President, brought greetings from the Presbyterial. Miss F. Matthews was the guest speaker and gave a very interesting and informative address on her work.

Mrs. John Small of New York, was the guest of honour at the Standfast Class Reunion held in Knox Church, Mount Forest. Nearly sixty members and former members of the Class sat down to the supper following the registration. Miss Marion Dale acted as Mistress of Ceremonies for the programme and with a few appropriate words welcomed the visitors. Taking the form of a regular Standfast Class programme, Mrs. Weber read the lesson from the book of Psalms and Mrs. McMullen led in prayer. Mrs. Darroch read the minutes of the first meeting of September 20th, 1924. Mrs. Small who had been the class founder and first teacher, gave a very inspiring address on ''What Have You In Your Hand?'' Stressing God's need for the full cooperation in the use of our hands.

Other short impromptu speeches were given by Mrs. Hill on her early impressions of the Class. Mrs. Dalton Robertson paid tribute to Mrs. Small as her Sunday School teacher and later as her public school teacher. She was then known as Miss Scott. Miss Helen McCartney spoke of the time when the Class undertook to lay the new aisle carpets. Miss Marion Dale read a list of some of the things the Class had provided for the church. She also read the names of sixteen members who had been made Life Members of the Women's Missionary Society by the Class.

Toronto East Presbyterial—A meeting of *Glad Tidings* Secretaries was held at Riverdale Church, **Toronto,** to discuss plans to increase the sale of *Glad Tidings.*

Many helpful suggestions were put forward.

1. That Welcome and Welfare Secretaries be a committee to promote the sale of *The Glad Tidings* as they visit in the homes.
2. Each auxiliary buy several copies and sell them for 10c to interest people in the W.M.S.
3. Have a *Glad Tidings* Sunday and use the calendar for the order of service and ask the minister to make a special appeal for subscriptions.
4. Use the *Glad Tidings* at all your auxiliary meetings. Give the *Glad Tidings* Secretary a few minutes to talk about the magazine. It is rich in information.

The aim is to get the magazine into every home in the congregation. It is up to each member of the auxiliaries to pass their copy on to someone else and then ask them how they enjoy reading it and talk about it. In this way our subscriptions should grow in 1953. The meeting was well attended. It was conducted by Mrs. Robert Best, Presbyterial *Glad Tidings* Secretary.

A very successful fall rally of Toronto East Presbyterial was held in Glebe Church, Toronto, with Mrs. J. A. Newstead presiding. The theme of the rally was ''The Royal Road''. Words of welcome were given by Mrs. W. T. McCree. Miss Laura K. Pelton gave a very stirring address on the theme of the rally, speaking of the changing conditions of missionary work to-day. God in His wisdom has left us a heritage; we have not lost our moorings. We must realize change means a new hope and prospect for millions. She stressed the world-wide job to be done for the people of all lands; the task of the Church and its mission is to give a human dignity to them, which is their right. Mrs. C. F. Rutherford was hostess at the supper hour.

Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., spoke to a very large audience in the evening. She told of her first contact with ''The Royal Road'', when she began her training at the Missionary and Deaconess Training School. She is now on her third furlough. We have a great deal of work to do to keep the Road in repair. She told of being in the midst of changes taking place in India.

At the Thank-offering meeting of Calvin Auxiliary, Toronto, the guest speaker was Miss Mary E. Whale, B.A., Editor of *The Glad Tidings*. Miss Whale stressed the fact that Canadians have so much to be thankful for and take many things for granted, such as books, which many people in war-torn Europe and Asia are without. Miss Katherine Gray presided.

Toronto West Presbyterial — This Presbyterial held its fall rally in Davenport Presbyterian Church, Toronto, with Mrs. A. S. Curr presiding. Mrs. J. Newstead brought greetings from Toronto East Presbyterial and Mrs. Arthur W. Pae from Council Executive. The various secretaries presented their reports. The guest speakers were Mrs. Arthur J. Cherry, Christian Literature Secretary on Council Executive, Miss Ruby Walker, Regional Secretary. Miss Bessie MacMurchy, Reg.N., on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, presented coloured slides depicting life in India.

Montreal and Ottawa

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THE Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Vankleek Hill**, was hostess to the Fall Executive meeting of the Synodical

Society of Montreal and Ottawa, on October 14th and 15th. The meeting opened with Mrs. W. E. Baker, President, presiding with twenty-three members present. Words of welcome were extended by Mrs. Mack McDonald, President of Knox Auxiliary, and Mrs. H. Barker, President of Lanark and Renfrew Presbyterial, replied. Reports were presented, discussed and accepted. The Vice-President, Mrs. Harcourt Emra, paid fitting tribute to the memory of Mrs. A. G. Cameron who passed away in September. Mrs. Cameron was the first Corresponding Secretary of the Synodical, and did much to guide it through the first difficult years of organization. She will be greatly missed and long remembered by her fellow members and friends.

Rev. C. L. Wood, minister on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, addressed the evening meeting, painting a vivid picture of how grateful the Bhil people are for what the missionaries are doing for them and urging all to help the missionary cause by *believing* in it, *praying* for it, *giving* to it, even our own life if God asks it, and *being* a real Christian.

Brockville Presbyterial—The Auxiliary of Knox Church, **Morrisburg**, presented an In Memoriam in memory of Mrs. George Meikle, a Life Member and a beloved worker of the Auxiliary. The certificate was later sent to her daughter, Mrs. Joyner, Pembroke.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **South Mountain**, celebrated its Diamond Jubilee in October. The Auxiliary was organized in 1892 with fourteen members present. Three of the charter members are still living. The Auxiliaries of Kemptville, Winchester, Iroquois, Mountain, Dixon's Corners, Winchester Springs, along with Hulbert and South Mountain United Church Auxiliaries, and the Fellowship Club of South Mountain Anglican Church, were present at the meeting.

The President, Miss Margaret McIntyre presided. Rev. J. F. Macfarland, minister of the church when the auxiliary was organized, conducted devotions, reading the 15th chapter of John, which had been read sixty years ago. Mrs. S. M. Graham gave a summary of the history of the Auxiliary, after which Mrs. Charles Robertson presented two Life Memberships. Mrs. Larsen introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. J. R. Miller of Iroquois, who gave a challenging message. The Mission Band under the leadership of Mrs. Gordon Blow sang two numbers and three of its members were presented with seals.

Glengarry Presbyterial—The Autumn Executive meeting of the Presbyterial was held in St. John's Church, **Cornwall**, when all departments gave encouraging reports. Mrs. Wm. Knox gave an address on the work on the Bhil Field, India, which was most interesting and instructive.

The Picnic Grove Young Women's Auxiliary were guests of **Glen Gordon** Auxiliary at their August meeting. Mrs. D. McRae of Alexandria was the guest speaker. Her topic was ''Missionary Work In China'', where she and her husband had lived for twenty-seven years. Mrs. McRae answered many questions about conditions in China.

Mrs. F. C. Knox, on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, was the special speaker at the August meeting of Knox Auxiliary, **Moose Creek**. Mrs. Knox, who with her daughters Kathleen and Winifred, wore native costumes, spoke of the life of the Bhil people, and the way in which physical, mental and spiritual needs were being ministered to by the missionaries. She illustrated her talk with many interesting curios.

Mrs. Knox spoke of her work at the **Avonmore** Auxiliary meeting in August.

St. Andrew's Auxiliary, **Maxville,** entertained the Auxiliaries from Gravel Hill, and Monkland, Moose Creek, and St. Elmo at their September meeting. Mrs. E. L. Blair, Vice-President of District No. 5, brought a message to the gathering, taking as her topic, ''Run with patience''. The guest speaker was Rev. J. C. McLean-Bell, who spoke on ''The Still Small Voice''. Mrs. W. L. Montgomery, President of Gravel Hill and Monkland Auxiliary and Mrs. Wm. Knox, President of Moose Creek Auxiliary spoke briefly.

Ottawa Presbyterial — The Annual Mission Band Rally of the Presbyterial was held in Erskine Church, **Ottawa,** with representatives from Aylmer, Erskine, St. Giles, and Knox Churches, Ottawa, Gloucester, Hull, Manotick and Vernon. There were ninety-eight children and twenty-five adults present. Dr. Robert Good introduced the speaker, Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, of the Bhil Field, India. Miss MacMurchy, in native dress, gave a stirring address, illustrated with pictures, which captivated the children, and sang a verse of a hymn in the Hindi language, and then taught the children to sing it with her. A number of bands presented seals to members, Gloucester presenting four final seals on Life Memberships. Miss MacMurchy also addressed **Gloucester** Senior Auxiliary.

The D. M. Gordon Auxiliary of St. Andrew's Church, **Ottawa,** held their annual Thank-offering meeting following a Thanksgiving supper. The members and guests were welcomed by the president, Mrs. F. M. Mooney. The guest speaker Mrs. Ralph Collins, who with her husband and family, is home from Angola, Portugese West Africa, after an absence of more than twenty years, told of their work among the natives, illustrated with coloured slides. During the business meeting Life Memberships were presented in memory of Mrs. A. G. Cameron. The benediction was pronounced by Mrs. Collins in the native dialect of Angola.

Miss Bessie M. MacMurchy, missionary nurse on furlough from the Bhil Field, India, addressed the autumn Thank-offering meeting of Erskine Auxiliary, Ottawa, telling of her work among the Bhil people, illustrating her talk with slides taken by herself. Mrs. Robert Good presided. Mrs. T. Stinson thanked the speaker and asked her to extend greetings to Miss Pauline Brown, a nurse in India, who formerly attended Erskine Church.

Christmas-Love

BY KATE C. GRINSTEAD

Christmas doesn't mean just giving,
Any more than life is just living.
Christmas-time is loving-time,
And loving-time is all the time
So, if my Christmas wish comes true,
Streams of love will flow to you,
And never stop the whole year through!
'Cause Christmas-love doesn't last one day,
Christmas-love has come to stay
With you!

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

October 31st, 1952

RECEIPTS:

Birtle Indian School, Government Grant	$13,481.19
Cecilia Jeffrey Indian School	7,936.90
Mr. Mitchell, Edmonton, Alberta, "Dr. Laubach's Work"	100.00
Bracebridge Auxiliary, Special Meeting, "Miss Bessie MacMurchy's Work"	27.00
Drummond Hill Auxiliary, Niagara Falls, "Legacy from the Estate of Miss Mary Shaw and special offering for Miss Williamson's Work"	50.00
Friends, in memory of Miss Bessie MacMurchy, "Christian Literature"	5.00
St. Stephen's Sunday School, Ottawa, "Support of Stephen, Bhil Field"	15.00
Farther Lights Auxiliary, Orillia, Special Contribution, "Miss Bessie MacMurchy's Work"	5.00
Income Tax received from Workers	653.90
Famine Relief	593.60
Student Deaconesses, refund on expenses	21.10
Synodical Givings:	
British Columbia	725.00
British Columbia, Supplies	98.00
Alberta	300.00
Alberta, Supplies	50.00
Saskatchewan	201.76
Saskatchewan, Supplies	5.35
Manitoba	639.00
Toronto and Kingston	7,200.00
Toronto and Kingston, Supplies	370.25
Hamilton and London	7,787.08
Hamilton and London, Supplies	52.29
Montreal and Ottawa	4,100.00
	$44,417.42

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Missions:	
Chinese in Canada	$ 933.21
Hospital Visitors	604.52
Deaconesses	170.00
Children's Centres, Vancouver and Tyndale House	407.47
Port Work	168.91
Van Expenses	350.00
National Advance	437.26
Indian Schools:	
Cecilia Jeflrey Indian School	191.66
Cecilia Jeffrey, Government Grant	2,616.52
Birtle, Government Grant	5,296.33
Overseas Missions:	
India, Bhil Field	125,00
Taiwan	275.00
British Guiana	250.00
Training of Nationals	826.60
New Missionaries	108.33
Missionaries' Expenses	75.00
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